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## Setback for BJP in Council polls

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# President invites Modi to form new government

Swearing-in tomorrow; NDA Parliamentary Party elects Modi as its leader, allies hand over letters of support to President; Modi says he will strive to ensure consensus in all decisions of the govt.

**Nistula Hebbar**
NEW DELHI

President Droupadi Murmu on Friday formally invited Narendra Modi to form the next government, and begin his third successive term as Prime Minister, after the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) Parliamentary Party elected him as its leader. The new government will be sworn in on Sunday.

Earlier in the day, leaders of NDA parties, including N. Chandrababu Naidu of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Nitish Kumar of the Janata Dal (U), and Maharashtra's Shiv Sena Chief Minister Eknath Shinde met the President and handed over their letters of support to the new government.

**Above all:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays respect to the Constitution at the NDA Parliamentary Party meeting on Friday. PTI

At the meeting of the NDA Parliamentary Party held at the Central Hall of the old Parliament House, Mr. Modi evoked the spirit of a coalition government, stressing that he would strive to ensure *sarvamat*, or consensus, in all the decisions of his next government. "Governments may be made on the basis of numbers, but the country is run on consensus," Mr. Modi said, asserting that the NDA was an organic alliance committed to the principle of "nation first".

Kicking off the proceedings at the NDA parliamentary party meeting, senior BJP leader Rajnath Singh proposed Mr. Modi's name as the leader of the Parliamentary Party, and as the Leader of the House in the Lok Sabha.

He was seconded by other senior leaders, including the BJP's Nitin Gadkari and Amit Shah, Mr. Naidu, Mr. Kumar, Mr. Shinde, Chirag Paswan of the Lok Janshakti Party, and Pawan Kalyan of the Janasena Party.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Modi said that mutual trust was at the core of this alliance, which is committed to the principle of '*sarv pantha sambhava* (all sects are equal)'.

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# RBI keeps repo rate unchanged, raises GDP forecast to 7.2%

SOURCE: PTI & CMIE

**Lalatendu Mishra**
MUMBAI

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 6.5%.

The decision, taken at the MPC's meeting, marks the eighth time in a row that the policy rate has been put on hold to keep the focus on battling high inflation.

The MPC has revised its GDP growth forecast upwards from the earlier 7% estimate to 7.2% for the financial year 2024-2025.

It has also decided to remain focused on withdrawal of accommodation to ensure that inflation does not accelerate, while supporting growth.

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# Bhavani appears before SIT on HC directions

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Bhavani Revanna, mother of rape accused Prajwal Revanna, former MP, and wife of former Minister H.D. Revanna, appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) on Friday after the High Court of Karnataka granted interim anticipatory bail to her in the case of alleged abduction of one of the victims of rape.

**Condition**

The court had granted interim protection to her on the condition that she should appear before SIT by 1 p.m. and on all the subsequent days, and fully cooperate with the investigation process. However, the court said that SIT could not retain her for interrogation after 5 p.m.

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If he wants to do it, I think he will be a very good candidate
**Sourav Ganguly**
Former India captain

# Is Gautam Gambhir the right man to take India's reins?

The former opener has won trophies as both player and coach. So, it's no surprise that his name is doing the rounds as a probable successor to Rahul Dravid

**K.C. Vijaya Kumar**

In the all-encompassing gaze that surrounds cricket, practitioners of that sport often get slotted into convenient stereotypes. Grim, boisterous, classy and bohemian are some of the traits jostling in a long list. Gautam Gambhir, with his serious visage, is usually placed in that strict headmaster or serious first-bencher zone.

It is not that Gambhir cannot smile, he does, but soon he lapses into the world-is-on-my-shoulders demeanour. And just like Ravi Shastri, often seen as a commentator with a booming voice and a man leading a rousing life, Gambhir too finds himself in a category where his behavioural attributes tend to overshadow who he really is.

## Holding his own

For starters, Shastri was a fine cricketer, a batter with Test tons in England, Pakistan, the West Indies and Australia, a handy left-arm spinner, a winner of several accolades and a member of champion sides in the 1980s. Gambhir too held his own in an Indian batting line-up lit up by Virender Sehwag, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and V.V.S. Laxman.

The former India opener, a left-hander adept at both stonewalling and scoring, may not have had the southpaw's effervescence that was intrinsic to Ganguly, but he was remarkably effective. 4,154 Test runs averaging 41.95 and an ODI yield of 5,238 runs at 39.68 do tell a distinguished tale. Importantly, be it the 2007 ICC World T20 final against Pakistan or the 2011 World Cup summit clash involving Sri Lanka, it was Gambhir who top-scored for India, with 75 and 97 respectively. India won both those titles and added heft to M.S. Dhoni's leadership.

I would love to coach the Indian team. There is no bigger honour. You are representing 140 crore Indians... how can it get bigger than that?
**GAUTAM GAMBHIR**

Yet, Gambhir's odd flashes of anger get highlighted, masking the basic fact that he was a solid player. His 436-ball 137 that helped India hold on to a draw against New Zealand in the Napier Test in 2009 is the stuff of legend. His Test career may have drawn to a close in 2016, as a tendency to fall over in his final batting stride made him vulnerable, but there is no mistaking the value Gambhir offered the Indian unit.

He stayed relevant, leading Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) to two IPL titles and often topping the team's run-charts. Now in his current role as mentor, he has again galvanised KKR and guided Shreyas Iyer's men to the victor's podium. This is a man who has relished significant team-triumphs both as a player and as a coach. Consequently, it is no surprise that his name is doing the rounds as a probable successor to Rahul Dravid as the Indian team's coach.

But then again we get caught up about whether his lips crease into a smile! Many years ago, during his formative phase, Gambhir had come down to Bengaluru for a domestic game and in an impromptu meeting at the KSCA Clubhouse reception, he came across as this soft-spoken intense player. He was fully aware of what he wanted to do both as an individual and as a member of a team. Much like Dravid, Gambhir had this fierce focus, the sport consumed him.

## A refuge and an outlet

Sensitive to the world, he sought refuge in the game and at times it also became an outlet for him to vent. The run-ins with fellow Delhi lad Virat Kohli in IPL games is well chronicled. It is famously said of Steve Waugh that he preferred to be in a siege mentality just to dig into his inner reserves. Often rival teams lapsed into silence when the Aussie legend strode out to bat and that upset him. He wanted the rude word and the odd sledge.

Gambhir was akin to that; pin him against the wall, throw in some expletives and then watch him strike back. Sehwag's trigger may be old Hindi songs but for Gambhir, anger was a tool to unleash his inner gladiator. When it was still sheathed in velvet gloves, it was fine. But when euphemisms weren't adequate, he presented a nasty spectacle.

Equally, it didn't help when in his previous foray as a BJP MP, Gambhir got into slanging matches with Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal on X (formerly Twitter). The former star's words were vitriolic and the burning rage was too obvious. To reconcile this Gambhir with the one who spoke softly years ago and who always acknowledged a familiar face with a nod of his head was always difficult.

Still deep down he cared. Perhaps he felt slighted that in Indian cricket's leadership stakes he never got his due as the Dhoni era obliterated the captaincy ambitions of many fellow players. Others seemed to have made their peace but not Gambhir, who is just like Dravid, a man never comfortable with personality cults. The result was that at times Gambhir came across as petulant, like when he said one shot did not win India the World Cup. Everyone knew that it was a reference to Dhoni's winning six off Nuwan Kulasekara at Mumbai's Wankhede Stadium.

This simmering rage at old slights, perceived or genuine, began to define the Gambhir persona. However, as a former player, he kept giving back to the game as a coach. Having gone through the ebb and flow of cricket, he does have empathy, which is essential to be a good mentor. He has stressed that it would be an honour to represent India again but in the garb of a coach.

## An unforgiving job

Guiding the senior Indian squad can be cumbersome. John Wright used to jog more on days he got angry and later at night would quaff a beer and strum his guitar. Gary Kirsten did not reveal much, but was a firm hand on many a shoulder. Greg Chappell, being the alpha male he is, perhaps overplayed his role and the team's prima donnas got angry.

Even Anil Kumble, with his excellent work ethic, could not forge an ideal bond with the tempestuous Kohli, which Shastri managed. At 42, does Gambhir have the credentials? Yes he does. Does that mean he will be the perfect replacement for the retiring Dravid? We never know but let us not judge him on whether he smiles and offers sunshine. He isn't an Archies greeting card.

His last days as an international cricketer weren't great but the overall memory linked to him is that of a good player with the odd streaks of an all-consuming anger. Maybe a bit of that fire will be good in the Indian dressing room as long as it is within limits. Wright once held Sehwag by his collar – it is not ideal, but within a dressing room, reality and raw emotions are the eternal truths.

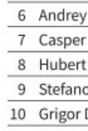
Franchise owner Shah Rukh Khan's hug and forehead kiss to Gambhir after KKR won the latest IPL title in Chennai is perhaps a hint that beneath that outer coating of silence and storm, there may lurk a gentle love. Perhaps a trait only his peers, wards and a Bollywood superstar truly know.

# STACKING UP

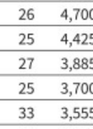
**ATP Men's Top 15**

| # | Player | Age | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Novak Djokovic | 37 | 9,960 | 18 |
| 2 | Jannik Sinner | 22 | 8,770 | 19 |
| 3 | Carlos Alcaraz | 21 | 7,300 | 17 |
| 4 | Alexander Zverev | 27 | 6,305 | 25 |
| 5 | Daniil Medvedev | 28 | 6,295 | 19 |
| 6 | Andrey Rublev | 26 | 4,700 | 24 |
| 7 | Casper Ruud | 25 | 4,425 | 24 |
| 8 | Hubert Hurkacz | 27 | 3,885 | 24 |
| 9 | Stefanos Tsitsipas | 25 | 3,700 | 25 |
| 10 | Grigor Dimitrov | 33 | 3,555 | 21 |
| 11 | Alex de Minaur | 25 | 3,490 | 25 |
| 12 | Taylor Fritz | 26 | 2,980 | 25 |
| 13 | Holger Rune | 21 | 2,700 | 23 |
| 14 | Tommy Paul | 27 | 2,655 | 24 |
| 15 | Ben Shelton | 21 | 2,500 | 24 |

**Top Indians**



Sumit Nagal
Rank 95 ▼ 1 spot



Ramkumar Ramanathan
Rank 329 ▲ 14 spots

**WTA Women's Top 15**

| # | Player | Age | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Iga Swiatek | 22 | 11,695 | 19 |
| 2 | Aryna Sabalenka | 26 | 8,138 | 17 |
| 3 | Coco Gauff | 20 | 7,638 | 19 |
| 4 | Elena Rybakina | 24 | 5,673 | 19 |
| 5 | Jessica Pegula | 30 | 4,550 | 22 |
| 6 | Marketa Vondrousova | 24 | 4,143 | 18 |
| 7 | Maria Sakkari | 28 | 3,980 | 24 |
| 8 | Qinwen Zheng | 21 | 3,945 | 21 |
| 9 | Ons Jabeur | 29 | 3,748 | 23 |
| 10 | Danielle Collins | 30 | 3,472 | 20 |
| 11 | Jelena Ostapenko | 26 | 3,318 | 23 |
| 12 | Madison Keys | 29 | 3,283 | 16 |
| 13 | Daria Kasatkina | 27 | 3,258 | 24 |
| 14 | Beatriz Haddad Maia | 27 | 2,983 | 25 |
| 15 | Jasmine Paolini | 28 | 2,898 | 27 |

**Top Indians**

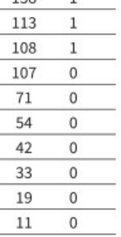
Ankita Raina
Rank 278 ▼ 2 spots

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 323 ▼ 7 spots

**F1 Drivers' standings**

| # | Driver | Team | Points | Wins |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Max Verstappen | Red Bull | 169 | 5 |
| 2 | Charles Leclerc | Ferrari | 138 | 1 |
| 3 | Lando Norris | McLaren | 113 | 1 |
| 4 | Carlos Sainz | Ferrari | 108 | 1 |
| 5 | Sergio Perez | Red Bull | 107 | 0 |
| 6 | Oscar Piastri | McLaren | 71 | 0 |
| 7 | George Russell | Mercedes | 54 | 0 |
| 8 | Lewis Hamilton | Mercedes | 42 | 0 |
| 9 | Fernando Alonso | Aston Martin | 33 | 0 |
| 10 | Yuki Tsunoda | RB | 19 | 0 |
| 11 | Lance Stroll | Aston Martin | 11 | 0 |
| 12 | Oliver Bearman | Ferrari | 6 | 0 |
| 13 | Nico Hulkenberg | Haas | 6 | 0 |
| 14 | Daniel Ricciardo | RB | 5 | 0 |
| 15 | Alex Albon | Williams | 2 | 0 |
| 16 | Esteban Ocon | Alpine | 1 | 0 |
| 17 | Kevin Magnussen | Haas | 1 | 0 |
| 18 | Pierre Gasly | Alpine | 1 | 0 |
| 19 | Zhou Guanyu | Sauber | 0 | 0 |
| 20 | Valtteri Bottas | Sauber | 0 | 0 |

Max Verstappen



Charles Leclerc

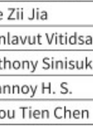
**F1 Constructors' standings**

| Pos | Team | Points | Wins |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Red Bull | 276 | 5 |
| 2 | Ferrari | 252 | 2 |
| 3 | McLaren | 184 | 1 |
| 4 | Mercedes | 96 | 0 |
| 5 | Aston Martin | 44 | 0 |
| 6 | RB | 24 | 0 |
| 7 | Haas | 7 | 0 |
| 8 | Williams | 2 | 0 |
| 9 | Alpine | 2 | 0 |
| 10 | Kick Sauber | 0 | 0 |

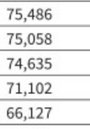
**Badminton Men's ranking**

| # | Player | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Viktor Axelsen | 101,270 | 17 |
| 2 | Shi Yu Qi | 98,215 | 18 |
| 3 | Jonatan Christie | 91,727 | 19 |
| 4 | Li Shi Feng | 86,756 | 20 |
| 5 | Anders Antonsen | 84,081 | 23 |
| 6 | Kodai Naraoka | 82,497 | 21 |
| 7 | Lee Zii Jia | 75,486 | 24 |
| 8 | Kunlavut Vitidsarn | 75,058 | 18 |
| 9 | Anthony Sinisuka Ginting | 74,635 | 19 |
| 10 | Prannoy H. S. | 71,102 | 20 |
| 11 | Chou Tien Chen | 66,127 | 31 |
| 12 | Kenta Nishimoto | 65,992 | 26 |
| 13 | Loh Kean Yew | 65,193 | 24 |
| 14 | Lakshya Sen | 61,718 | 21 |
| 15 | Lu Guang Zu | 58,791 | 22 |

**Top Indians**



Prannoy H. S.
Rank 10



Lakshya Sen
Rank 14

**Badminton Women's ranking**

| # | Player | Points | Events |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | An Se Young | 111,417 | 16 |
| 2 | Chen Yu Fei | 104,282 | 18 |
| 3 | Carolina Marin | 93,736 | 17 |
| 4 | Tai Tzu Ying | 92,221 | 20 |
| 5 | Akane Yamaguchi | 86,607 | 14 |
| 6 | Wang Zhi Yi | 80,865 | 21 |
| 7 | Han Yue | 77,059 | 24 |
| 8 | He Bing Jiao | 74,868 | 17 |
| 9 | Gregoria Mariska Tunjung | 73,862 | 22 |
| 10 | Beiwen Zhang | 68,556 | 24 |
| 11 | Aya Ohori | 63,007 | 24 |
| 12 | P.V. Sindhu | 62,602 | 19 |
| 13 | Ratchanok Intanon | 62,343 | 20 |
| 14 | Kim Ga Eun | 61,940 | 20 |
| 15 | Supanida Katethong | 60,734 | 28 |

**Top Indians**

P.V. Sindhu
Rank 12

Aakarshi Kashyap
Rank 41

**Test Batting**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Kane Williamson | 859 | 919 |
| 2 | Joe Root | 824 | 923 |
| 3 | Babar Azam | 768 | 882 |
| 3 | Daryl Mitchell | 768 | 804 |
| 5 | Steve Smith | 757 | 947 |
| 6 | Rohit Sharma | 751 | 813 |
| 7 | Yashasvi Jaiswal | 740 | 740 |
| 8 | Dimuth Karunaratne | 739 | 783 |
| 9 | Virat Kohli | 737 | 937 |
| 10 | Harry Brook | 735 | 773 |

**Test Bowling**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | R. Ashwin | 870 | 904 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | 847 | 864 |
| 2 | Jasprit Bumrah | 847 | 881 |
| 4 | Kagiso Rabada | 834 | 902 |
| 5 | Pat Cummins | 820 | 914 |
| 6 | Nathan Lyon | 801 | 801 |
| 7 | Ravindra Jadeja | 788 | 899 |
| 8 | James Anderson | 739 | 903 |
| 9 | Shaheen Afridi | 733 | 836 |
| 10 | Kyle Jamieson | 729 | 836 |

**ODI Batting**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Babar Azam | 824 | 898 |
| 2 | Shubman Gill | 801 | 847 |
| 3 | Virat Kohli | 768 | 909 |
| 4 | Harry Tector | 746 | 767 |
| 4 | Rohit Sharma | 746 | 882 |
| 6 | Daryl Mitchell | 728 | 750 |
| 7 | David Warner | 723 | 869 |
| 8 | Pathum Nissanka | 711 | 728 |
| 9 | Dawid Malan | 707 | 730 |
| 10 | Rassie van der Dussen | 701 | 796 |

**ODI Bowling**

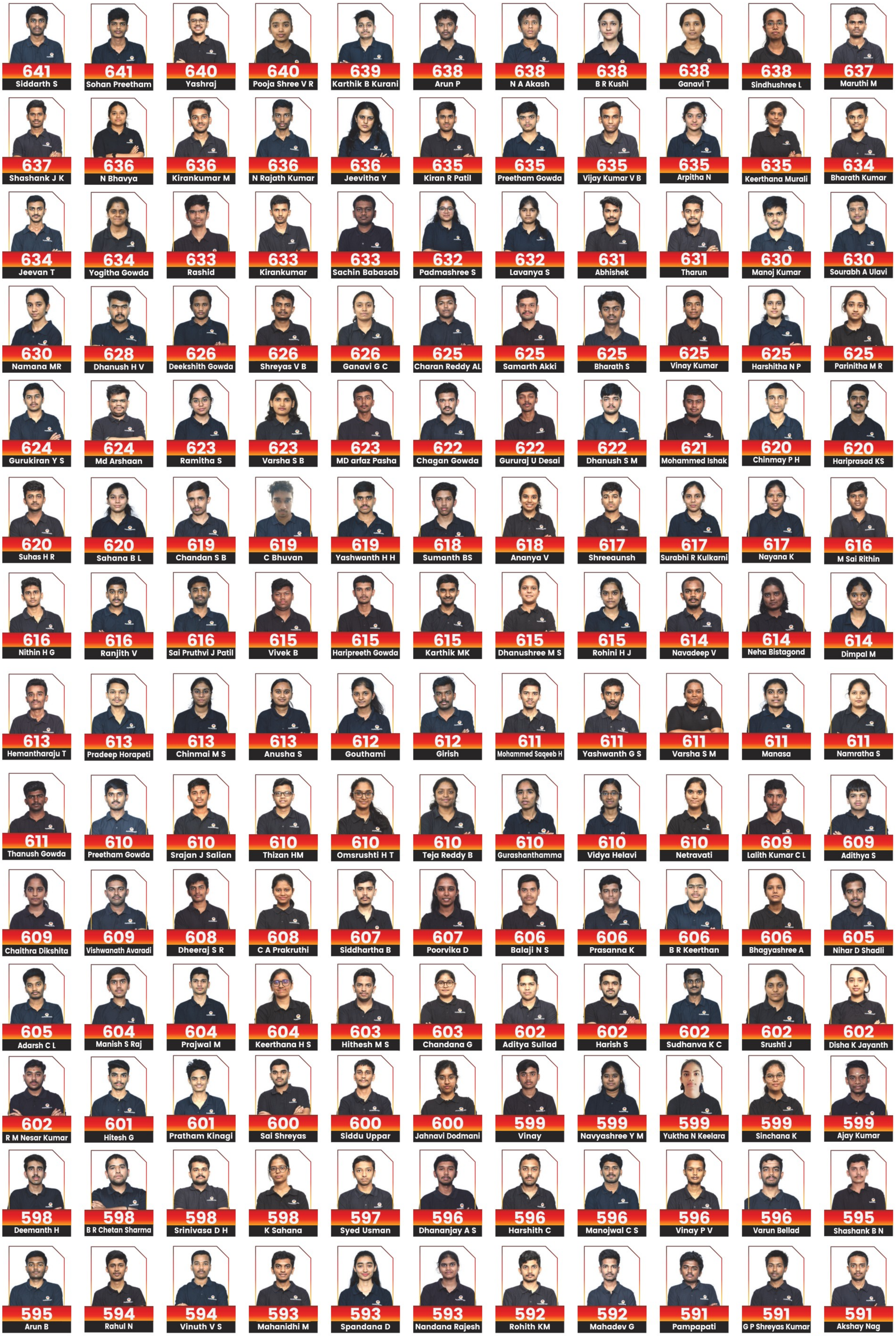
| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Keshav Maharaj | 716 | 741 |
| 2 | Josh Hazlewood | 688 | 727 |
| 3 | Adam Zampa | 686 | 695 |
| 4 | Mohammed Siraj | 678 | 736 |
| 5 | Jasprit Bumrah | 665 | 838 |
| 6 | Mohammad Nabi | 656 | 657 |
| 7 | Shaheen Afridi | 650 | 688 |
| 8 | Kuldeep Yadav | 645 | 760 |
| 9 | Trent Boult | 643 | 775 |
| 10 | Bernard Scholtz | 642 | 642 |

**T20I Batting**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Suryakumar Yadav | 861 | 910 |
| 2 | Philip Salt | 795 | 802 |
| 3 | Mohammad Rizwan | 766 | 875 |
| 4 | Babar Azam | 765 | 896 |
| 5 | Aiden Markram | 722 | 796 |
| 6 | Yashasvi Jaiswal | 714 | 739 |
| 7 | Jos Buttler | 713 | 724 |
| 8 | Brandon King | 702 | 687 |
| 9 | Reeza Hendricks | 685 | 674 |
| 10 | Rilee Rossouw | 661 | 915 |

**T20I Bowling**

| # | Player | Rating | Career best |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Adil Rashid | 715 | 715 |
| 2 | Wanindu Hasaranga | 681 | 681 |
| 3 | Axar Patel | 660 | 660 |
| 4 | Ravi Bishnoi | 659 | 699 |
| 5 | Josh Hazlewood | 654 | 806 |
| 6 | Maheesh Theekshana | 651 | 684 |
| 7 | Rashid Khan | 649 | 816 |
| 8 | Anrich Nortje | 647 | 695 |
| 9 | Akeal Hosein | 641 | 683 |
| 10 | Fazalhaq Farooqi | 636 | 692 |

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# Uttarakhand trekking tragedy: Bodies of 9 victims handed over to families

They were among a group of 22 persons who were on an expedition to Sahastra Tal

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The bodies of all nine persons from Bengaluru, who lost their lives during the Sahastra Tal trek in Uttarakhand, were handed over to their families here on Friday. While 13 survivors of the 22-member group arrived in the city on Thursday, the bodies arrived Friday on commercial flights from Delhi.

The mortal remains arrived on three flights to the Kempegowda International Airport before they were handed over to their respective families. Although the State government had initially planned to transport them through a chartered flight on Thursday, the plan was modified owing to the non-availability of the flight.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda paying tribute to the trekkers in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The mortal remains were transported from Dehradun to Delhi on the road in ambulances.

"For the moment, all our immediate priorities have been completed. We and the families got some sort of closure. Somehow, all our plans for rescue and recovery worked out and we were able to do it swiftly in a short span of time. The intervention of the government was necessary to spare the individuals the burden of legal procedures and logistics. It is the least we could have done," Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda told *The Hindu*.

On June 3, nine people died on the trek owing to bad weather conditions. The Karnataka Disaster Management Authority was alerted on the night of June 4. By June 5, Mr. Gowda reached Uttarakhand and coordinated all the operations with the Uttarakhand government.

# High Court fiat to State govt. on turf club's application

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the State government to file its statement of objections on an application filed by Bangalore Turf Club Ltd. (BTC), challenging the June 6 orders passed by the government in rejecting the BTC's applications seeking permission to conduct on-course horse races and betting during the June-August season.

Justice S.R. Krishna Kumar passed the order on the application filed by the BTC questioning the legality of the orders passed by the competent authorities rejecting the applications.

The competent authorities rejected the applications while observing that "...there is violation of the condition of licence, applicable Rules, and Statutes, and illegal betting, constituting criminal activity on the premises of BTC. The BTC has also submitted incomplete application... As further investigation is pending by the CCB into the illegalities committed by the bookmakers as well as the Club...".

The State government had rejected the Bangalore Turf Club's applications seeking permission to conduct on-course horse races and betting during the June-August season. FILE PHOTO

The court on May 23 directed the government to consider the BTC's applications and take a decision by June 6, as the BTC, the Karnataka Racehorse Owners' Association, and the Karnataka Trainers' Association had filed petitions complaining that the government was not taking any decision on the applications filed, seeking permission to conduct races as per the provisions of the Mysore Race Course Licensing Rules, 1952.

Further hearing on the petitions has been adjourned till June 12.

**Timings**
**BENGALURU**

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| **SATURDAY, JUN. 08** | | |
| RISE | 05:53 | SET 18:45 |
| RISE | 07:17 | SET 20:43 |
| **SUNDAY, JUN. 09** | | |
| RISE | 05:53 | SET 18:45 |
| RISE | 08:16 | SET 21:36 |
| **MONDAY, JUN. 10** | | |
| RISE | 05:53 | SET 18:45 |
| RISE | 09:13 | SET 22:22 |

| Bengaluru Weather | max | min |
|---|---|---|
| Tumakuru | 31 | 25 |
| Mysuru | 30 | 23 |
| Bengaluru | 29 | 22 |

**Bengaluru Today**
**30°C** Morning will be pleasant Day will be slight warm and humid. Night also will be pleasant.Moderate spells of rain and thundershower will

**Bengaluru Tomorrow**
**31°C** The weather will be little warm and humid Spell of light to moderate rain and thundershower with gusty winds to occur.

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# Direct flight between KIA and London Gatwick from August 18

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Air India has announced a non-stop service between Bengaluru and London Gatwick (LGW) from August 18. This will make Bengaluru the fifth Indian city to be connected to the second-largest airport in the United Kingdom.

**Five flights**

Air India will operate five flights a week between Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) and London Gatwick, taking the total count of its flights from India to London Gatwick to 17 in a week.

The airline will use Boeing 787 Dreamliner aircraft on the route, featuring 18 flat beds in business class and 238 spacious seats in economy.

"We are delighted to offer our guests convenient, non-stop flights between Bengaluru and London Gatwick. This new route caters to the growing demand for travel between these two important business and leisure destinations, and strengthens our commitment to expanding our global network," said Campbell Wilson, Chief Executive Officer & Managing Director, Air India.

Bookings for the flights progressively opened on Friday on all channels, including Air India's official website (www.airindia.com), mobile app, and authorised travel agents and partners.

Flight AI177 will depart Bengaluru at 1.05 p.m. and arrive at London Gatwick at 7.05 p.m. (local time). From London Gatwick, flight AI178 will depart at 8.35 p.m. (local time) and arrive in Bengaluru at 10.50 a.m. (next day arrival). From Bengaluru, the flight will operate on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Sundays.

# 'Karnataka has borrowed ₹8,300 cr. for renewable energy projects'

**Jahnavi T.R.**
BENGALURU

As of March 2024, Karnataka borrowed around ₹8,300 crore from the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA), a public service company which provides financial assistance to renewable energy products. The State's borrowings are mainly for solar, wind, hydropower, and ethanol projects.

"As of March, Karnataka makes up for 13.93% of our loan portfolio. The projects we have financed here are also doing well. Normally, in state sectors, distribution companies' (discoms) economic conditions are relatively bad. In Karnataka, discoms, especially Bangalore Electricity Supply Company (Bescom), have adjusted well to renewable energy and are doing fairly well.

Central government officials say that Karnataka has been a pioneer in the renewable energy sector. FILE PHOTO

The payment systems are also good," Pradip Kumar Das, Chairman and Managing Director, IREDA, told *The Hindu* on Friday.

IREDA, which has a total loan portfolio of ₹60,000 crore, said that 25% of the projects they fund are solar, with a growing demand for green hydrogen and green ammonia.

"In the coming days, we are expecting more projects for pump storage and battery storage," said Mr. Das.

Central government officials also said that Karnataka has been a pioneer in the renewable energy sector, while participating in a national workshop on the PM-KUSUM scheme on the theme 'Accelerating Transformative Energy Security for Indian Agriculture', organised by Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) and IREDA on Friday.

Speaking on the sidelines of the event, Dinesh Jagdale, Joint Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), said: "Karnataka is top when it comes to the penetration of renewable energy; not with their installed capacity yet, but with the amount they have said they need for adoption. The State has evolved when it comes to wind and hydropower, while also hosting one of the biggest solar parks in Pavagada."

Gaurav Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Energy Department, said KREDL had been successful in enrolling 18,000 farmers for KUSUM-B schemes so far.

With many States offering power subsidies, including that of free electricity for domestic customers, the MNRE is now focussed on promoting rooftop solar installations as a long-term plan.

When asked whether the free power schemes have affected solar installations, Mr. Jagdale said: "While the longevity of free power schemes is uncertain, we are telling consumers about how solar would help them get free power for 25 years. We are promoting the long-term benefits of solar energy."

# BBMP introduces fresh norms to pay contractors' bills

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

To bring more transparency, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has introduced fresh guidelines for the payment system to contractors, and BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Thursday issued an internal circular modifying the process.

Under the new guidelines, the BBMP has fixed timelines, reduced the number of tables, and altered the process for submission of work completion documents. The BBMP has now mandated that contractors must submit bills through the Integrated Financial Management System (IFMS). The contractors henceforth cannot submit physical copies of documents related to works.

Under the new guidelines, the BBMP has fixed timelines, reduced the number of tables, and altered the process for submission of work completion documents. FILE PHOTO

After the submission of these documents, the engineers concerned have to review them within three days, and provide his/her comment. The contractors are required to upload measurement books, before and after photos of the sites, and others.

The payment will be done only after the quality assurance cell approves the quality of works over ₹50 lakh. Depending on the cost, about 2% to 10% of the work will be reverified on a random basis.

Mr. Nath said he had closed some of the tables which were unnecessary and included a timeline to avoid delays. The BBMP is making the entire payment process online and it will be open to the public, he said.

# KSRTC breathes new life into 1,850 old buses

**Darshan Devaiah B.P.**
BENGALURU

As many as 1,850 old Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) buses have gotten a new lease of life since 2022 till this May, as the corporation has refurbished vehicles which have clocked 10 lakh kilometres, transforming them into almost brand new buses.

According to officials, the price of a new bus is around ₹40 lakh, but the cost of refurbishing the old buses and making them as good as new is just ₹3 lakh. "These buses will be used on various routes, especially to meet the high demand created by the implementation of the Shakti scheme in the State," an official said.

Following the launch of the Shakti scheme, which provides free travel for women in State-owned non-premium transport corporation buses, there has been a significant increase in the demand for KSRTC buses, especially in rural areas.

A senior official stated that the induction of refurbished buses will enhance rural connectivity.

Since the Karnataka government introduced the Shakti scheme, the four corporations – KSRTC, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation, the North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation, and the Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation – have procured 2,300 new buses. Currently, these corporations operate a total of 23,989 buses across the State, covering an average distance of 65.02 lakh kilometres per day.

| Refurbished buses | |
|---|---|
| 2022-23 | 321 |
| 2023-24 | 552 |
| 2024 upto May | 977 |
| Total | 1,850 |

Source: KSRTC

Regarding the refurbishment of buses, officials said they select buses that are approximately 10 years old and have logged over 10 lakh kilometres. "Once selected, the bus is completely disassembled, leaving only the chassis intact. From seats to windows, every component is replaced. The body is also rebuilt, and after painting, the refurbished bus looks as good as new," an official explained.

# Drunk driving: Two killed, four injured

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A private firm employee and a college student were killed, and three people were injured, when a car allegedly driven by a person who was drunk knocked them down on the Hoskote-Chintamani national highway early on Friday.

The deceased have been identified as Jagadish, 30, from Hoskote and Mohammed Faiz, 18, a resident of Shivajinagar. According to the police, Jagadish worked at a private firm and was returning home on his two-wheeler, while Faiz was returning home after dinner with friends at a roadside hotel.

Abbas, Abbas Pasha, and Abuzar, friends of Faiz and college students, and Mohammed Sami, an employee of the hotel, sustained severe injuries and are being treated at a hospital.

According to the police, the accused, Pragatish Rao, was allegedly drunk and driving home when he knocked down Sami, who was returning from the hotel.

The police added that Rao did not stop the car and knocked down Jagadish, and Faiz and his friends.

Passers-by managed to stop Rao before alerting the police. While the police were busy shifting the bodies and the injured to the hospital, Rao fled.

The police later tracked him down and arrested him on Friday afternoon and took him into custody for three days.

Inquiries revealed that Rao had quit his job as a medical representative and was allegedly addicted to alcohol. He used to stay away from home most of the time and return drunk, according to the police.

The Hoskote police subjected him to a medical examination which proved that he was under the influence of alcohol, said the police. The police are investigating further to ascertain whether he had consumed drugs.

# Toy-making unit raided

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru branch office of BIS, on Thursday, conducted a search and seizure operation at three premises of Maruthi Internationals, which manufactures toys, for allegedly violating the licensing condition.

# Three KPTCL employees killed in accident

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Three Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited employees were killed and another severely injured, when their car toppled into a roadside canal on the outskirts of Gauribidanur in Chickballapur on Thursday night . The deceased have been identified as Venugopal, 34, Sridhar, 35, and Manjappa, 35.

According to the police, the trio, along with another KPTCL employee, were heading to rectify a defective line and Venugopal was driving. As it was raining and dark, Venugopal, suspected to have been driving rashly, lost control of the car and it toppled into the canal. The impact was such that the three were killed on the spot.

Though the accident occurred at midnight, the incident came to light in the early hours when passers-by alerted the police.

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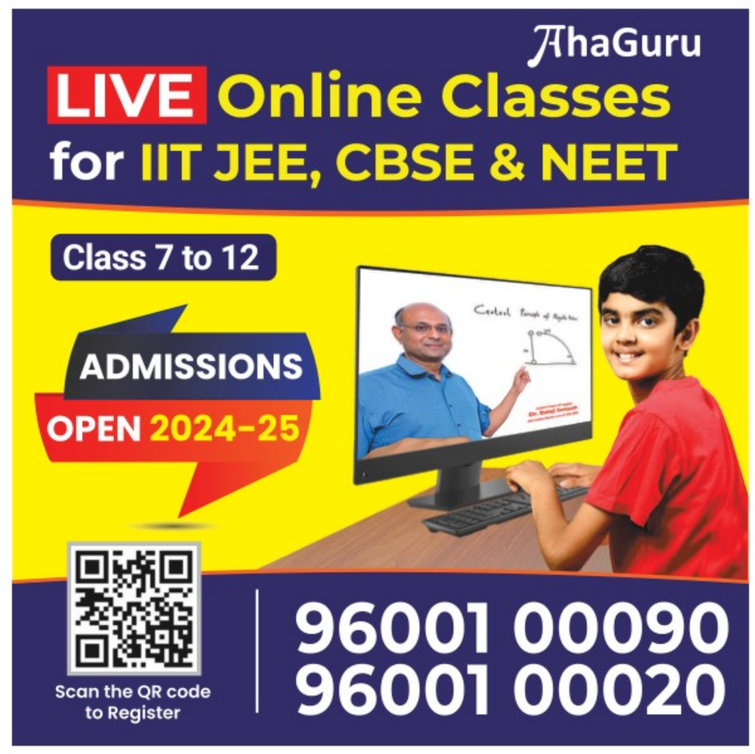
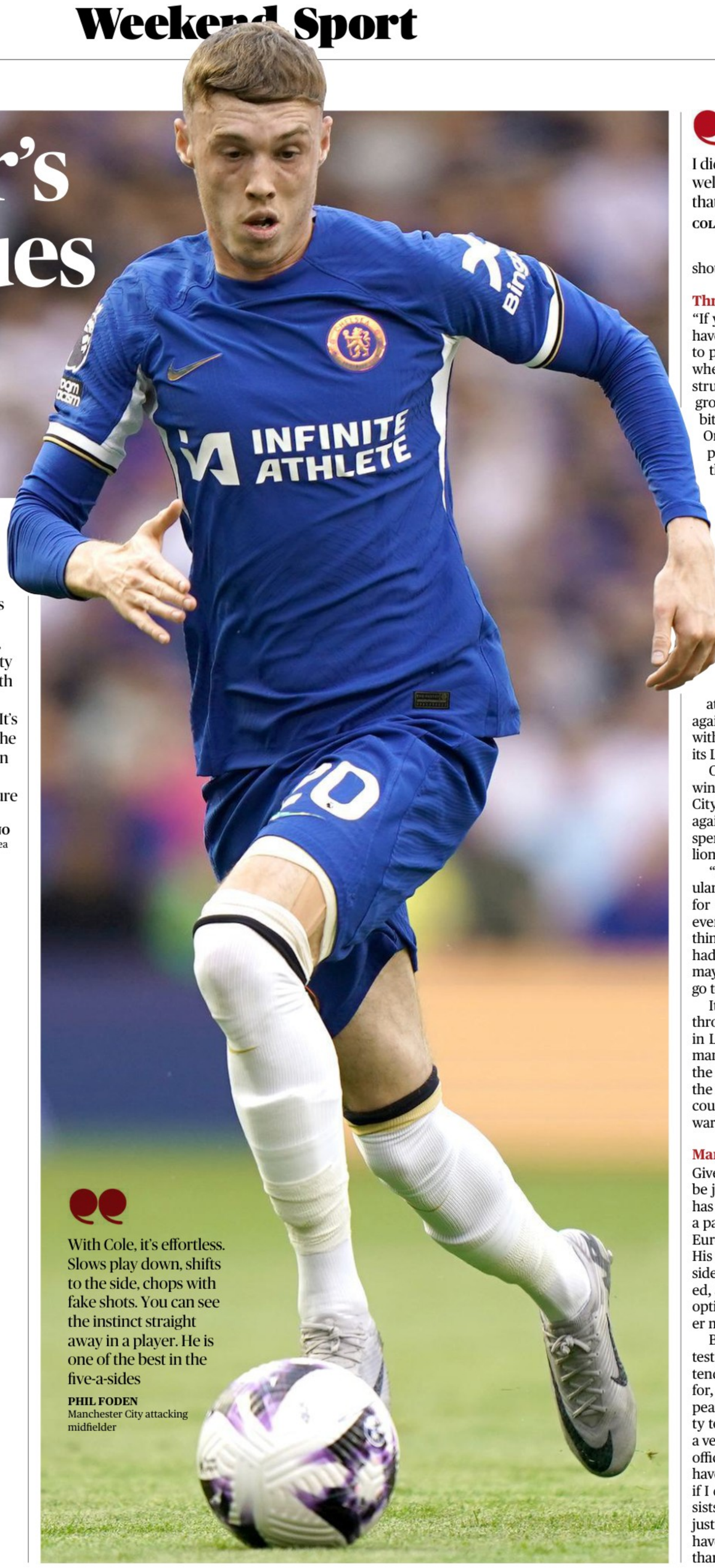


# Cole Palmer's star continues to rise

**While the 22-year-old's skill, athleticism and ball-striking are eye-catching, it's his mental strength under pressure that suggests he could become a true world-beater**



**Associated Press**
**Agence France-Presse**

Last month, Chelsea captain Reece James made a startling declaration. "Cole Palmer is one of the best in the world, I think personally," James said. "At [Manchester] City, he didn't play as much as he would like but he has come here and taken the chance with both hands."

Even accounting for the sort of hyperbole teammates sometimes bestow on one another, the compliment offered a sense of the impact Palmer has had at Stamford Bridge. With 22 goals and 11 assists in 33 Premier League games, he powered Chelsea out of the bottom half of the points table and into a qualification spot for the European Conference League.

> One of Cole's basic skills is his mentality, his capacity to deal with the pressure. It's amazing the way he can deal with the pressure
>
> **MAURICIO POCHETTINO**
> Former Chelsea manager

## Awing his mates

Palmer appeared genuinely surprised by James' compliment, saying: "I wouldn't go that far. But it's nice to hear. It's all new to me. This is my first season playing properly in the league."

James isn't the only footballer to be awed by Palmer's quality after a look at close quarters. Both Phil Foden and Kieran Trippier recently spoke about the 22-year-old's special talent.

"I always knew [Palmer] would have a brilliant career," City prodigy Foden said of his England and former City teammate. "You can see it straight away when you've got a top player. With Cole, it's effortless. Slows play down, shifts to the side, chops with fake shots. You can see the instinct straight away in a player. He was one of the best in the five-a-sides [in training]."

Newcastle full-back Trippier, who trained with Palmer this week as England prepares for the Euros, was similarly struck. "He's really surprised me, a top-quality player," said Trippier. "It's just how he finds the pockets [of space]. His awareness for where other people are and how clever he is for such a young age. I am really happy that I've trained with him, he's been quality."

While Palmer's skill, athleticism and ball-striking are eye-catching, it's his mental strength, especially his response to pressure, that suggests he could become a true world-beater.

In the 2023-24 season, he often stepped up in the most trying circumstances. In a very challenging environment at Chelsea – there was a lot of churn after the club spent £400 million to bring in 13 new players last year, with over £1 billion splashed out over the past two years – Palmer looked a class above his teammates, especially the new recruits.

Mauricio Pochettino, who was sacked as Chelsea manager after the season, said Palmer had stood out from his teammates, thanks to his ability to deal with the pressures of playing for the London club. With fans turning on the manager and the club's US owners after a string of poor results, Palmer largely carried the Blues on his shoulders and inspired the turnaround.

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> Manchester City attacking midfielder

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>
> **COLE PALMER**

## Thriving in adversity

"If you ask me about Palmer, not all the players have the same process to be settled at the club or to perform," Pochettino said during the season, when he was asked why the other players were struggling. "We are in a process that the main group, the main young players, struggle a little bit to deal with the pressure to play for Chelsea. One of Cole's basic skills is his mentality, his capacity to deal with the pressure. It's amazing the way he can deal with the pressure."

Indeed, Palmer thrived when his team needed him the most. Nowhere was this better illustrated than in the 4-3 home win over Manchester United in April, when he scored twice in stoppage time to complete a hat-trick and turn a madcap contest on its head. "He is a player with amazing talent, a player that understands the game. He has the quality and the talent to see the situation and to read the game in another aspect," Pochettino said.

The Blues looked a completely different side without Palmer. When the influential attacking midfielder was ruled out of the game against Arsenal, Chelsea was blown away 5-0 without appearing as if it could go toe-to-toe with its London rival.

Clearly, Palmer's surprise move from treble-winning City in 2023 has paid off. He scored for City in the Community Shield in August and again in the UEFA Super Cup but joined free-spending Chelsea in a deal worth up to £42.5 million on transfer deadline day, September 1.

"I just thought for my career I have to get regular game-time," Palmer said. "It was a big move for me. I'd never been out of Manchester, not even on loan, so to move on my own was a big thing. Who knows what would have happened if I had stayed? Maybe I would have played more, maybe not. But I think the decision that I made to go to Chelsea so far is paying off."

It's ironic that Palmer, a United fan who came through the City youth ranks, has found his feet in London, not Manchester. And it's his performances at Chelsea that have catapulted him into the reckoning for a spot in the England team at the Euros. He opened his international goal account with a typically nerveless penalty in the warm-up win over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## Man for the big stage?

Given Palmer's ability under pressure, he could be just what England needs on the big stage. He has already tasted international success – he was a part of a star-studded junior team that won the European Under-21 Championship last summer. His versatility – he can play as a No. 10, a right-sided attacking midfielder, a winger and, if needed, a striker – makes him a particularly attractive option for any international coach looking to cover multiple bases in a squad.

Both the summer and the 2024-25 season will test Palmer – players after a breakthrough season tend to be scouted more carefully and planned for, even as the expectations rise – but he appears to have both the physical and mental ability to face these challenges. "Personally, it's been a very good season for me," Palmer told Chelsea's official website. "I've enjoyed it. I didn't really have targets, but I had something in my head that if I did play then I would like 10 goals and 10 assists. That was after I started playing because I just wanted to play. I didn't expect this season to have gone as well as it has, but I'm just really thankful that it has. Let's hope it can continue."

## GAME THEORY

### Lethal sharpshooters: Spain and Italy

This week, we conclude our look at the highest goal-scorers in the top four European leagues in the 2023-24 season, with LaLiga and Serie A:

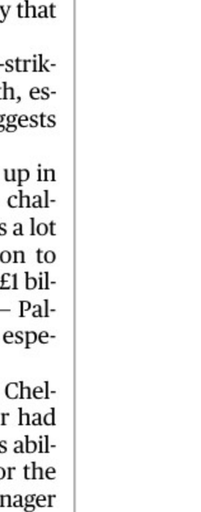
**LALIGA TOP SCORERS**

| Player | Club | Appearances | xG | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Artem Dovbyk | Girona | 36 | 23.94 | 24 |
| Alexander Sorloth | Villarreal | 34 | 14.37 | 23 |
| Jude Bellingham | Real Madrid | 28 | 11.7 | 19 |
| Robert Lewandowski | Barcelona | 35 | 18.85 | 19 |
| Ante Budimir | Osasuna | 33 | 15.48 | 17 |
| Antoine Griezmann | Atletico | 33 | 13.11 | 16 |
| Youssef En-Nesyri | Sevilla | 33 | 12.7 | 16 |
| Alvaro Morata | Atletico | 32 | 16.02 | 15 |
| Borja Mayoral | Getafe | 27 | 11.76 | 15 |
| Vinicius Junior | Real Madrid | 26 | 15.64 | 15 |

**SERIE A TOP SCORERS**

| Player | Club | Appearances | xG | Goals |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Lautaro Martínez | Inter | 33 | 18.78 | 24 |
| Dusan Vlahovic | Juventus | 33 | 18.01 | 16 |
| Olivier Giroud | AC Milan | 35 | 15.48 | 15 |
| Victor Osimhen | Napoli | 25 | 16.85 | 15 |
| Albert Gudmundsson | Genoa | 35 | 10.18 | 14 |
| Hakan Calhanoglu | Inter | 32 | 10.1 | 13 |
| Marcus Thuram | Inter | 35 | 14.82 | 13 |
| Paulo Dybala | Roma | 28 | 11.58 | 13 |
| Romelu Lukaku | Roma | 32 | 12.38 | 13 |
| Christian Pulisic | AC Milan | 36 | 8.42 | 12 |
| Duvan Zapata | Torino | 35 | 13.02 | 12 |
| Gianluca Scamacca | Atalanta | 29 | 7.92 | 12 |
| Nicolas Gonzalez | Fiorentina | 29 | 11.25 | 12 |
| Teun Koopmeiners | Atalanta | 34 | 7.32 | 12 |

Note: xG is expected goals, a metric designed to measure the probability of a shot resulting in a goal | SOURCE: WHOSCORED.COM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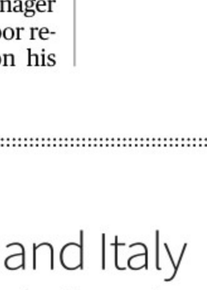
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### Guts and grit

The FIM Motocross World Championship, the premier competition for motocross racing, is closing in on seven decades, having been flagged off in 1957.

The championship originally featured three classes (engine capacity: 125cc, 250cc, 500cc). With the more environment-friendly four-stroke engine technology growing in prominence in the noughties, the championship switched to two classes: MXGP and MX2.

MXGP, depicted in this photograph, is open to riders of any age and allows machinery ranging from 250cc two-strokes to 450cc four-strokes. MX2, on the other hand, is for riders younger than 23 and features machinery from 125cc two-strokes to 250cc four-strokes. Motocross is an off-road motorsport, contested on natural tracks consisting of man-made obstacles and jumps. As a result, rider skill and fitness play a defining role, with some experts contending that these factors are more instrumental to success than machine performance.

The 2024 MXGP calendar comprises 20 rounds, with races in Asia and South America, in addition to European venues.

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**Rail Wheel Plant/Bela**
**(Distt.: Saran), Bihar-841221**

**E-Open Tender Notice No:- S/RWP/E/2024-25/10, Dated : 05.06.2024,** Principal Chief Materials Manager/Rail Wheel Plant, Bela for and on behalf of the **President of India** invites **online "e-Open Tender",** through Indian Railways E-Procurement Website **www.ireps.gov.in,** for supply of following Stores item at RWP/Bela. The closing time of all tenders is 14:00 hrs. **SN. :** 1. **Tender No. :** 01241100, **Short Description of item :** Steel Shots, **Quantity :** 186 MT, **Date of Tender Closing/Opening :** 05.07.2024, **1.** Website address, on which full tender details can be seen and downloaded from, is **www.ireps.gov.in. 2.** The prospective firms / bidders submitting bid are advised to remain in touch with the above website for updates including **Addendum / Corrigendum / Cancellation** with respect to the above tender. However, this information will also be invariably published in the all concerned newspapers.

**For PCMM/RWP/Bela**
**RWP/CPRO/Advt./2024-25/29**

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**Tender Notice No: CAO/CN/BNC/10/2024**
**Dated : 31.05.2024**

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Proposed upgradation / Development of Maintenance infrastructure at Sir. M. Visvesvaraya Terminal maintenance of Vande Bharat Chair car trains - Extension of MEMU shed for length of 60m towards Baiyyappanahalli End. **(Tender Ref. No.: GENL-CONSULTANCY-CON-SWR)** | **Rs. 76,10,78,356/-** |

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**PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF ACCUSED PERSON**
**See Section 82 Cr.P.C.**

Whereas complaint has been made before me that accused persons **1. Dr. Gop Kumar Prabhakar Acharya, S/o Prabhakar Acharya, 2. Dr. Sridevi, D/o Sadananda A Nayak, R/o 121/21, Kumbalagodu Industrial Area, 1st Phase, Bengaluru-560074, Karnataka** has committed the offences (or are suspected to have committed) in case **Case Reg. No. 4290/19, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** and it has been returned to a warrant of arrest thereupon issued that the said **1. Dr. Gop Kumar Prabhakar Acharya, 2. Dr. Sridevi** cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said **1. Dr. Gop Kumar Prabhakar Acharya, 2. Dr. Sridevi** has absconded (or are concealing themselves to avoid the service of the said warrant).
Proclamation is hereby made that the said **1. Dr. Gop Kumar Prabhakar Acharya, 2. Dr. Sridevi** accused of **Case Reg. No. 4290/19, U/s 138 NI Act, P.S. North Rohini, Delhi** is required to appear before this Court to answer the said complaint on or before **19.10.2024.**

**By Order**
**Ms. Ebbani Aggarwal**
**Metropolitan Magistrate (N/W)**
**Room No. 107, First Floor**
**Rohini Courts, Delhi**
**DP/5925/RD/2024**

**GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND**
**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**
**R.C.D. , ROAD DIVISION, SAHIBGANJ**

**e- Procurement Notice**
e-Tender Reference no.- **RCD/SAHIBGANJ/416/2024-25**
**Dated : 05.06.2024**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of Work | **Widening, Strengtheing of Bhognadih to lakhipur via Malbhita Road Bhognadih (Barhait-Lalmatia Road) Malbhita-Lakhipur (Jojodari-Mohabbatpur Road) under Road Division, Sahibganj for the year 2023-24** |
| 2 (a) | Estimated Cost (Rs) | **Rs. 31,57,64,471.00** (Rupees Thirty One Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy One and Zero Paise) Only. |
| (b) | Bid Security (Rs) | **31,58,000.00** (Rupees Thirty One Lakh and Fifty Eight Thousand) Only. |
| 3 | Time of Completion | 09 (Nine) Months |
| 4 | Last date / Time for receipt of bids | 12.07.2024 upto 12.00 Noon |
| 5 | Pre-Bid Meeting | 21.06.2024 from 03.00 P.M. |
| 6 | Date of Publication of Tender on website | 14.06.2024 from 10.30 A.M. |
| 7 | Name & address of office Inviting tender | Executive Engineer, R.C.D. Road Division, Sahibganj |
| 8 | Contact no. of Procurement officer | 8271102250 |
| 9 | Helpline number of e- Procurement cell | 0651 - 2401010 |

Further details can be seen on website ***http://jharkhandtenders.gov.in***
**Note :** Estimated Cost may increase or decrease

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**ROAD DIVISION, SAHIBGANJ**
**PR.NO.325368 Road(24-25):D**

Govt. of Jharkhand
Energy Department
**Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)**
3rd Floor, S.L.D.C. Building, Kusai Colony, Doranda, Ranchi-834002.
Ph.: 0651-2491161, Fax: 0651-2491165,
E-mail: info@jreda.com; Website: www.jreda.com

**e-Procurement Notice**
**Tender reference no.: 02/JREDA/GCRT/RD/24-25**
**Dated: 05.06.2024**

Online bids are invited for Rate Contract for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of Grid connected Rooftop SPV Power Plants of different capacities including five years Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) on Turnkey basis on Government Residential Buildings anywhere in the state of Jharkhand (JREDA). The details are as follows:

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Name of the work | Rate Contract for Design, Manufacture, Testing, Supply, Installation & Commissioning of 03 MWp Grid connected Rooftop SPV Power Plants of different capacities including Five Y ears Comprehensive Maintenance Contract (CMC) on Turnke y basis on Government Residential Buildings anywhere in the state of Jharkhand |
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| 4 | Completion of work | **04 (Four) Months** |
| 5 | Period of contract | **05 ( Five) Years** |
| 6 | Date of publication of NIT on website: http:// jharkhandtenders.gov.in | **10.06.2024 (Monday)** |
| 7 | Date & time of Pre-bid meeting | **20.06.2024 (Thursday)** at 2.00 P.M. |
| 8 | Last date & time for receipt of online bids | **01.07.2024 (Monday)** upto 05:00 PM |
| 9 | Submission of Bid fee and EMD through Online Via SBI Payment Gateway of Jharkhand Tenders. | **01.07.2024 (Monday)** upto 05:00 PM |
| 10 | Technical Bid Opening Date & Time | **03.07.2024 (Wednesday)** at 3.00 P.M. |
| 11 | Name & address of office inviting tender | Director, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency(JREDA) 3rd Floor, SLDC Building, Kusai, Doranda, Ranchi- 834002 (Jharkhand) |
| 12 | Contact no. of procurement officer | 0651-2491163/67/61/7004806449 |
| 13 | Helpline no. of e-procurement | 0651-2491163/67/61 |

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## MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
## NOTIFICATION

**New Delhi, the 15th March, 2024**

S.O. 1423(E).— Whereas by the notification of the Government of India in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, 657(E) Dated:12/02/2024 , published in the Gazette of India, Extraordinary, Part II, Section 3, Subsection (ii) issued under sub-section (1) of section 3A of the National Highway Act, 1956 (48 of 1956) (hereinafter referred to as the said Act), the Central Government declared its intention to acquire the land specified in the Schedule annexed to the said notification for building (widening/two lane with paved shoulder/four laning etc.,),Maintenance, management and operation of NH69(Old NH 206) in the stretch of land from Km 220.00 (New chainage Km 119.637) to Km 238.100 (New chainage Km 148.088) (Honnavar - Chittoor Section) in the district of SHIVAMOGGA in the state of KARNATAKA;

And whereas the substance of the said notification has been published in "The New Sunday Express" and "Hosadigantha" both dated 18-02-2024; under sub-section (3) of section 3A of the said Act;

And whereas the Competent Authority has received objections filed under Section 3-C, considered and settled the same appropriately;

And whereas, in pursuance of sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the competent authority has submitted its report to the Central Government;

Now, therefore, upon receipt of the said report of the competent authority and in exercise of the powers conferred by the sub-section (1) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that the land specified in the said Schedule should be acquired for the aforesaid purpose;

And further, in pursuance of sub-section (2) of section 3D of the said Act, the Central Government hereby declares that on publication of this notification in the Official Gazette, the land specified in the said Schedule shall vest absolutely in the Central Government, free from all encumbrances.

**SCHEDULE : Brief Description of the land to be acquired with or without structures falling within the stretch of land from Km 220.00 (New chainage Km 119.637) to Km 238.100 (New chainage Km 148.088) (Honnavar - Chittoor Section) of NH69(Old NH 206) in the state of KARNATAKA**

| State: KARNATAKA | | | District: SHIVAMOGGA | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| S.No. | Survey / Plot Number | Type of Land | Nature of Land | Area (in Hectares) | Name of Land Owner/Interested Person |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Taluk: Shivamogga | | | | | |
| Village: Konehosuru | | | | | |
| 1 | 26 | Government | Dry | 0.0750535 | Danagalige Muffattu,hindhu janangada crimatorial place |
| 2 | 34/2 | Private | Wet | 0.2575589 | K S Shashikumar |
| 3 | 36/2 | Private | Wet | 0.1764832 | Kumaraswamy |
| 4 | 36/3 | Private | Wet | 0.1415466 | Gowramma kom Manjappa |
| 5 | 36/4 | Private | Wet | 0.2393797 | Lingappa Gowda bin Nagalingappa Gowda |
| 6 | 41 | Private | Wet | 0.0006067 | Rudramma com Shiddayya |
| 7 | 43 | Private | Wet | 0.0109831 | J.N Shanmukappa Gowda bin Late Nagappa Gowda, J S Dushyantappa bin J N Shanmukappa Gowda, Tejaswini J |
| 8 | 46 | Private | Wet | 0.0222477 | Shakuntala J B ,Nandankumar J B,Chandana J B,N Nagaratnamma |
| Village: Thuppuru | | | | | |
| 9 | 19 | Government | Dry | 0.8780284 | Danagalige Muffattu |
| 10 | 20 | Private | Wet | 0.0317151 | Chowdappa bin Kannappa |
| 11 | 22/2 | Private | Wet | 0.6418722 | Lohithakshappa |
| 12 | 44 | Government | Dry | 1.3455596 | Reserved Land for Rehabilitation of Sharavathi displaced peoples |
| 13 | 46/1 | Private | Wet | 0.0259904 | Ramachandrappa |
| 14 | 46/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0555685 | Ramachandrappa |
| 15 | 46/3 | Private | Wet | 0.063095 | Danappa |
| 16 | 57 | Private | Wet | 0.0081707 | Manjula k k kom K S Kiran |
| 17 | 58/2 | Private | Wet | 0.1540022 | K S Kiran bin K B Sadananda |
| 18 | 71/1 | Private | Wet | 0.044832 | J K Mohan |
| 19 | 71/2 | Private | Wet | 0.1753911 | Shekarappa bin Late Puttaswami. Huchappa bin Late Puttaswami |
| 20 | 71/3 | Government | Dry | 0.0709498 | Governament Fada |
| 21 | 72/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0001991 | K Kannappa |
| Village: Choradi | | | | | |
| 22 | 104/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0084077 | Vijaya |
| 23 | 104/4 | Private | Wet | 0.0084077 | Krishnappa |
| 24 | 104/5 | Private | Wet | 0.0077608 | Girijamma |
| 25 | 117 | Private | Wet | 0.3388961 | Narayana Shetty Chandrabai, Karadappa bin O. Seetharama murthy, Governament,Manjamma kom A k Sheenappa Shetty, Manjamma, Bairamma ,Rudrappa ,Eshwarappa, Choradi kiru aranya |
| 26 | 196 | Private | Wet | 5.7754474 | Crematorium reserved Land ,Jetta naika, Hullu Banniharajugudd,Abdul Alim Hazarat Mardane Gaib Sha Wali darga, Sunni choradi,P Nagaraj, P Murthy,Nagaratna,Ramachandra |
| 27 | 211/2 | Private | Wet | 0.007385 | S Ravindra bin H Shekarappa |
| 28 | 215/2 | Government | Dry | 0.0221812 | Prakash Parameshwara bhatta |
| 29 | 98 | Government | Wet | 0.1793381 | Lake |
| Village: Kumsi | | | | | |
| 30 | 100 | Private | Wet | 0.0006965 | Padmanabha Dube bin Manjunath Dube |
| 31 | 107 | Private | Wet | 0.009993 | H Manjappa bin Durgappa, Satyanarayana bin Yallappa |
| 32 | 109/2 | Private | Wet | 0.1397154 | Bhagamma com late Ramajetty |
| 33 | 202 | Common (Private/ Government) | Dry/ Wet | 6.025015 | Suduru danagalige Muffattu,Krishnappa,Ratnamma,H Manjunath, Bhagya, Manjappa, Lakshmamma, C R Chandrashekhar, Grace Disouza, C R Ravindranath, Nagaratna |
| 34 | 24/1 | Private | Wet | 0.0216929 | R Manjula kom Ravikumar |
| 35 | 24/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0127913 | N Ravikumar bin Nagaraj Jetty |
| 36 | 47/4 | Private | Wet | 0.070109 | C C Triveni kom R Ramachandra |
| 37 | 48 | Private | Wet | 0.3138296 | Chennamma kom late K P Shekarappa, S N Girijamma kom Late K P Murugeshappa, Kamalamma bin Late Prabappa, Rajeshwari kom Late K P Manjunath |
| 38 | 49/2 | Private | Wet | 0.1836438 | H S Prakash bin Late Sanna Haladappa |
| 39 | 54/3 | Private | Wet | 0.1616468 | Jahirabi kom Abdul Azeez Sab |
| 40 | 55 | Private | Wet | 0.0808051 | Vanajakshamma kom late Vijayendrappa,Chowdappa bin late Kenchappa yane Kenchanna, Shashikumar bin Late Kenchappa Yane kenchanna, Chandrappa Kenchappa Yane Kenchanna Sulochana bin Late Haladappa yane kenchanna |
| 41 | 57/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0288901 | Shri H Shivanandappa bin Haladappa |
| 42 | 57/3 | Private | Wet | 0.0533781 | Shri H Shivanandappa bin Haladappa |
| 43 | 61/1 | Private | Wet | 0.0223053 | Hombale suresh bin Hombale Eshwarappa |
| 44 | 61/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0510389 | Ramanna bin Jogappa Harnalli |
| 45 | 69 | Private | Wet | 0.0197279 | shriyuta B R Prashanth bin Ramachandrappa B |
| 46 | 72 | Private | Wet | 0.0114932 | Darmappa bin late Hulugappa |
| 47 | 73 | Private | Wet | 0.0239538 | Darmappa bin late Hulugappa |
| 48 | 77/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0484982 | Haladamma bin late Thimappa |
| 49 | 78 | Private | Wet | 0.0068507 | B N Mariswami Gowda bin late Nanjaih |
| 50 | 79 | Private | Wet | 0.0005153 | K V Lakshminarayana jettappa bin Venkataramana jetty |
| 51 | 88 | Private | Wet | 0.0835583 | B Mariyappa bin Bommanakatte Guthyappa |
| 52 | 89/3 | Private | Wet | 0.0113106 | N Ravikumar bin Nagaraj Jetty |
| 53 | 92/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0567465 | V N Ranganatha Bin Narasimhappa |
| 54 | 93/2 | Private | Wet | 0.1397154 | Deshpamde S bin Raghunathaprasad Pande |
| 55 | 96/3 | Private | Wet | 0.1276547 | Indramma bin Huchappa |
| 56 | 97 | Private | Wet | 0.0306366 | Nagamma com Venkataramana, Bhimappa bin Minni Manjappa |
| Village: Guddenakoppa | | | | | |
| 57 | 8 | Private | Wet | 0.136828 | Vijendra |
| Village: Hosakote | | | | | |
| 58 | 67/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0410488 | Lakshmanappa Yane Lakshmappa |
| 59 | 73/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0297533 | Pakeerappa, Hanumantappa |
| 60 | 74/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0585876 | Sharadamma kom Yallappa |
| 61 | 75 | Private | Wet | 0.050264 | Hanumanna ,Byri Manjappa , Byri Thimappa, Manjunath, Nagaraj, B Annappa, Maheshwarappa,B Srinivas |
| Village: Doddadanavandha | | | | | |
| 62 | 3 | Private | Wet | 0.0006593 | Selvaraj bin Govindaswami , Durgappa, Theertamma, Janardhana bin Krishnamurthy,Kariyamma, Mallikarjuna, Sowbaghya, K Shreedhara, Reserved for Public Cremetorium |
| 63 | 30/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0172595 | Vinay A S bin M Shivarudrappa |
| 64 | 30/3 | Private | Wet | 0.0397117 | Jahiruddin, Shamshuddin, Zakiruddin |
| 65 | 30/6 | Private | Wet | 0.0007224 | Kotojirao bin Shyamanna |
| Village: Kohalli | | | | | |
| 66 | 64/3A | Private | Dry | 0.0095064 | Non agriculture Karab, Shahanavaj Khanum kom Hyder ali |
| 67 | 65 | Government | Dry | 0.0530221 | Kohalli Midlies School |
| 68 | 87/1 | Private | Wet | 3.3E-05 | S K Nagappa |
| 69 | 88 | Government | Wet | 0.0194317 | Governament Lake |
| 70 | 89/2C | Private | Wet | 0.0176186 | Ramanna |
| 71 | 90/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0710203 | Arun Kumar |
| 72 | 90/3 | Private | Wet | 0.0027885 | Ramanna |
| 73 | 91/1 | Private | Wet | 0.0088478 | Somashekara Shetty, Ramachandrappa, Jayappa yane Rajappa |
| 74 | 91/2 | Common (Private/ Government) | Wet | 0.0320225 | Manjappa |
| 75 | Government Land | Government | Dry | 0.7844362 | Gramatana |
| Village: Yelavalli | | | | | |
| 76 | 24/2 | Private | Wet | 0.136329 | Thimma Nayaka bin Revya nayaka |
| 77 | 25/2 | Private | Wet | 0.022487 | M Vijay Kumar |
| 78 | 27 | Private | Wet | 0.005457 | Anantha Nayak bin Sevya Nayak |
| 79 | 51 | Private | Wet | 0.007056 | Neha s Nayak, Harshita S Nayaka |
| 80 | 53/2 | Private | Wet | 0.042279 | Channaveerappa |
| Village: Veeragarana Byrakoppa | | | | | |
| 81 | 21 | Government | Wet | 0.004891 | Governament Lake |
| 82 | 22/2 | Private | Wet | 0.0398866 | Makbul Jhan bin Yakbal Basha |
| 83 | 32 | Government | Dry | 0.184755 | Anesara manna Jangali |
| 84 | 38/1,2 | Private | Wet | 0.057571 | Abdul Azeez bin Abdul Sattar, G Murughan bin Late Gopalappa |
| 85 | 42/2 | Private | Wet | 0.006992 | Gowramma kom Rachappa |
| 86 | 45/1 | Private | Wet | 0.011161 | Dhanapathi Nayak bin A S Doodhya nayak |
| 87 | 48 | Private | Wet | 0.006069 | Dhanapathi Nayak bin A S Doodhya nayak |
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# Green future for hotel design

Architects suggest innovative alternatives to reduce resource consumption and minimise waste, while elevating the overall guest experience

Amrita Phookun

Driven by both economic and environmental factors, as well as a growing consumer demand for greener practices, the hospitality industry has been gravitating to sustainability and energy efficiency. Integrating elements of nature into interior spaces, such as living green walls, indoor plants, and natural materials, enhances well-being and connection to the environment. Biophilic design is another trend that is gaining currency. Also, designing furniture and interior layouts for adaptability and reconfiguration maximises space utilisation.

Modular design facilitates efficient bulk production, ensuring that sustainable products, when used mindfully, have a significant impact. Modern travellers prefer experiences and connections over traditional hotel loyalty programmes. By hosting community events, offering memberships for fitness and wellness facilities, and providing co-working spaces accessible to non-guests, hotels can position themselves as vibrant neighbourhood hubs.

## Paying a premium

The hospitality industry has also been witnessing a strong affinity for sustainability among millennials and Gen Z.

This section seems to prioritise ethical consumption and is willing to pay a premium for sustainable products and services, using their purchasing power to drive positive change. With easy access to information, they research and choose brands that align with their values, holding companies accountable for their environmental impact. Social media amplifies this trend, as eco-friendly practices are frequently shared and celebrated online, shaping travel choices and fostering a community of like-minded individuals.

According to research conducted by Booking.com, a leading online travel agency, 76% of travellers last year indicated a higher likelihood of booking a hotel if it had a green certification. Furthermore, the study revealed that 43% of travellers are willing to invest more in accommodations that prioritise sustainability. Here are several strategies to achieve this:

## 1. Materials in architecture

Creating unique aesthetics in hospitality spaces often involves using authentic concepts and distinctive materials. Sustainable materials that can be utilised in architecture and space design include:

**Reclaimed wood:** Salvaged wood from old buildings or furniture can be repurposed for construction, flooring, wall panelling, and furniture. This reduces the demand for new timber and minimises waste.

**Bamboo and cane:** A rapidly renewable resource, bamboo is durable and versatile, making it suitable for flooring, furniture, and decorative elements. Bamboo variants, such as cane and rattan, can be effectively used in design, inspired by traditional Indian construction techniques of weaving and patterning.

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**Recycled metal:** Metals like aluminium and steel can be recycled and used for structural elements, fixtures, and furnishings, reducing the need for virgin materials and energy-intensive production processes.

**Buoyant cork:** Harvested from the bark of cork oak trees, cork is a sustainable material suitable for flooring, wall coverings, and furniture upholstery.

**Low VOC paints and finishes:** Traditional paints and finishes emit harmful volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Low VOC alternatives are healthier for indoor air quality.

**Bio-based materials:** Derived from renewable resources, materials such as bio-based plastics or natural fibres like hemp and jute offer sustainable alternatives for furnishings and textiles.

## 2. Durable options

Certain sustainable practices are here to stay despite design trends evolving constantly.

**Circular economy:** Embracing durability, reparability, and recyclability in design and product selection aligns with circular economy principles.

**Upcycled décor:** Simple practices like waste composting, recycling operational waste, and repurposing construction materials can significantly reduce waste. Upcycled materials, such as paper mâché, clay tiles, recycled metal, and upcycled plastic products, when used in décor and textiles, can create impactful design elements.

**Local organic sourcing:** Sourcing construction materials and craftsmanship locally not only ensures climate-appropriate solutions but also fosters authentic, regionally cohesive designs. Utilising local art and artisans to create curated art moments in a space integrates regionality into design.

**Smart technology:** Incorporating renewable energy resources, such as solar panels and rainwater harvesting, along with energy-efficient lighting and HVAC systems, ensures optimal comfort for guests while minimising energy consumption and reducing the carbon footprint of hospitality establishments. Moreover, smart technology in operating spaces can significantly enhance sustainability. Systems like room-wise energy and water consumption tracking, remote reception management, and paperless check-ins and billing can make hotels more sustainable and efficient.

**Educational initiatives:** Educating staff and guests about sustainable practices implemented within the property encourages conservation efforts and environmentally friendly behaviours.

## 3. Factoring in cost

While sustainable products and materials may have higher upfront costs compared to conventional alternatives, the long-term benefits often outweigh the initial investment. Factors influencing the cost include:

**Material type:** The cost of sustainable materials varies based on availability, production processes, and certification requirements.

**Green certifications:** Building products certified by third-party organisations, such as IGBC Pro, GRIHA, BIS, and EcoMark, may command a premium due to the certification process and compliance with rigorous standards.

**Market demand:** Increasing demand for sustainable products and materials can drive economies of scale, leading to competitive pricing over time.

**Life cycle costs:** Considering life cycle costs, including maintenance, energy efficiency, and durability, helps evaluate the overall cost-effectiveness of sustainable design choices.

By integrating these sustainable practices into hospitality design, hotels can reduce their environmental footprint, lower operating costs, attract eco-conscious guests, and contribute to a more sustainable future for the industry. This dual focus on aesthetics and sustainability represents a powerful approach to shaping the future of hospitality design.

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## Bhavani appears before SIT on HC directions

Meanwhile, the court made it clear that "since this is only an advance interim bail order granted in discretion pending disposal of main matter, and not any prize, no celebration, procession or the like shall be ventured by the petitioner or anyone".

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the interim order on a petition filed by Ms. Bhavani seeking anticipatory bail in the case, after it was pointed out that the Special Court of Magistrate for criminal cases against present and former MPs and MLAs had on June 1 issued non-bailable arrest warrant (NBW) against her. The High Court has also kept the NBW issued against her in abeyance till further orders.

Meanwhile, the HC, on the request made by Senior Advocate and Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Ravivarma Kumar, directed Ms. Bhavani not to enter or hover near Hassan district and K.R. Nagar taluk of Mysore district. It is open to the prosecution not only to ensure compliance of the conditions, but also to seek recall of this order if they were breached, the High Court said.

**'Mastermind'**

During the hearing, the SPP claimed that she was the "mastermind" of the entire abduction episode and SIT had secured a NBW of arrest against her as she did not appear before SIT as per the assurance given by her in a letter to SIT. However, Senior Advocate Sandesh J. Chouta, appearing for Ms. Bhavani, disputed this argument, claiming that there was a sequence to developments and SIT had not served notice on her but she herself had written letter to SIT. Further hearing on the petition was adjourned till next week. Ms. Bhavani has been accused of conspiring to abduct a former house help, a victim of sexual abuse by Mr. Prajwal, to prevent her from giving statements against the former MP.

# Heatwave observed in May 1.5°C warmer than previous ones: ClimaMeter

A research project funded by the European Union and the French National Centre for Scientific Research, ClimaMeter has interpreted the May heatwave as a largely unique event whose characteristics can mostly be ascribed to human-driven climate change

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

An analysis by ClimaMeter has revealed that the heatwave in May was 1.5°C warmer than the warmest heatwaves previously observed in the country.

It said that from May 26 to 29, large parts of northern and central India suffered a severe heatwave, with a provisional record temperature of 49.1°C registered in New Delhi. Besides, over 37 cities in the country recorded temperatures over 45°C.

A man taking a shower under a pipe on a hot summer afternoon in New Delhi on May 29. From May 26 to 29, large parts of northern and central India suffered a severe heatwave. AFP

**40-year data**

To analyse what led to this extreme meteorological event, scientists at ClimaMeter conducted a rapid analysis, using a methodology based on historical meteorological information from the last 40 years.

They analysed how events similar to the high temperature in India's May heatwave changed in the present (2001-2023), compared to what they would have looked like if they had occurred in the past (1979-2001) in the region.

"Surface pressure changes show that similar events do not display significant changes in the present climate than what they would have been in the past. The temperature changes show that similar events produce temperatures in the present climate at least 1.5°C warmer than what they would have been in the past, over a large area of the region analysed," the analysis stated. The analysis which is part of ClimaMeter, a research project funded by the European Union and the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), said that it interprets India's May heatwave as a largely unique event whose characteristics can mostly be ascribed to human-driven climate change.

**Fossil fuel burning**

"ClimaMeter's findings underscore that heatwaves in India are reaching unbearable temperature thresholds because of the burning of fossil fuel. There are no technological solutions for Indian metropoles to adopt for temperatures approaching 50°C. We should all act now to reduce $CO_2$ emissions and avoid exceeding vital temperature thresholds in large areas of the subtropics," said Davide Faranda, CNRS.

Gianmarco Mengaldo, National University of Singapore, said that the ClimaMeter's findings show the complex interplay between natural variability and climate change, with the latter playing an important role in critical synoptic-weather-pattern changes in tropical and subtropical regions that may significantly aggravate heatwaves in the near future.

# NEET results: Chief Minister demands proper investigation

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has urged the Union government to conduct a proper investigation owing to allegations that the NEET-2024 results have been tampered with.

"Suspicion of massive irregularities in the NEET results, which is the gateway to medical courses, is being expressed across the country," he said.

A release quoted the Chief Minister as saying: "67 candidates got 720 out of 720 marks in the NEET exam. What is the number of previous toppers? If you compare that, the results this time smell of illegality."

"One student each in 2019 and 2020 respectively, three in 2021, one in 2022, and two in 2023 have secured 100% marks, while this year 67 have got it. It seems impossible for so many people to score 100% in NEET because every wrong answer carries negative marks. Is it a coincidence or a new experiment? This should be clarified by the Modi government," he demanded.

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"Out of 67 NEET toppers, 44 are toppers based on grace marks. When so many are toppers based on grace marks, doesn't it raise a question on the marking process and the reliability and validity of the examination system?," he questioned.

"Another surprise is that the NEET toppers with serial numbers 62 to 69 appeared in the same exam centre in Faridabad, Haryana. Out of these, six topped NEET with 720/720 and two scored 718 and 719. The NTA and the Modi government are defending the result even though it appears that there was an examination malpractice," he alleged.

# Call for a pro-student curriculum structure

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Various stakeholders, including student organisations, have demanded that the State Education Policy (SEP) Commission prepare a "pro-student and skill based curriculum structure".

A delegation, led by Apoorva, State vice-president of All-India Democratic Students' Organisation (AIDSO), participated in the regional-level workshop on 'SEP for Curriculum Structure and Framework', which was jointly organised by the Karnataka State Education Policy Commission, the Karnataka State Board of Higher Education, and Bangalore University on Friday.

The delegation demanded that the curriculum should be designed with subjects that engage the students in deep learning and uphold the ideal values of great people.

"Confusions/problems created during the academic year should be rectified immediately. Students are facing many problems due to the Unified University College Management System (UUCMS) portal and we have requested the government to cancel it immediately and continue with the old system," she added.

Language teaching faculty members also raised objections to the teaching hours deduction.

Speaking at the workshop, Jayakara S.M., Vice-Chancellor of Bangalore University, said: "SEP aims to create an equal and Constitution-based education system in the State. Along with educational development, students will develop a broad attitude and equal outlook towards society through the SEP curriculum. As the SEP aims to increase the skills of students, job opportunities will increase for students."

Bhagyavan, member secretary of SEP, said: "The SEP Commission aims to formulate our own education policy, including the cultural, geographical, and historical aspects of the State, and the recommendations of all the previous commissions. This education commission is neither for nor against anyone. It has prepared the curriculum with the help of skilled educationists and experts on a scientific basis."

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# Rahul asks MPs-elect to raise their voice against 'injustice' to State

He warns that Ministers will be held accountable for the defeat of candidates in the Lok Sabha elections and seeks Assembly constituency-wise report on the reasons for the loss

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday told newly elected MPs from Karnataka to raise their voice against "injustice" meted out to the State by the Centre concerning the share in devolution of taxes and delay in approval of irrigation projects, and suggested they always be with people in their constituencies and not in Delhi or Bengaluru.

Mr. Gandhi met all elected and defeated candidates of the Congress and told them to fight against the alleged step-motherly treatment given to the State by the Centre and raise their constituency problems during the Parliament session. Mr. Gandhi also told defeated candidates to be with the voters who had not supported them in the elections and win their hearts.

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi arriving to appear before a court in a defamation case filed against him by the Karnataka BJP unit, in Bengaluru on Friday. PTI

**On BJP MPs**

Mr. Gandhi said BJP MPs had not raised the issues of Karnataka in Parliament. He told them to raise issues related to "gross injustice" done by the Central government in the devolution of taxes, decline of funds under the 15th Finance Commission, and denial of permissions to take up water resources projects such as Kalasa-Banduri, Mekedatu, and Upper Bhadra, and peripheral ring road in Bengaluru for the past few years.

The State government has maintained that the tax share of Karnataka should have increased as the Union Budget size doubled from ₹23 lakh crore in 2014 to ₹45 lakh crore in 2023. But the allocations to the State remained around ₹50,000 crore a year. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah led an agitation in New Delhi against the Centre's alleged discriminatory policies.

Mr. Gandhi said Ministers would be made accountable for the defeat of the candidates in the parliamentary polls. He met Ministers and obtained reasons for the defeat of the candidates in their constituencies. "We expected five or six more seats," he said and told the Ministers to take steps to correct the mistakes.

Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president D.K. Shivakumar, who briefed the press about issues discussed during the meeting, said Mr. Gandhi sought a Legislative Assembly-wise report on the reasons for the defeat of the party candidates. The former AICC chief would hold meetings with all Ministers in the coming days to understand the causes for the defeat of candidates and find solutions to address the issues, Mr. Shivakumar said.

## Rahul Gandhi granted bail in defamation case

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi was granted bail by a special court in Bengaluru in a defamation case filed by BJP's Karnataka unit against the publication of advertisements in newspapers labelling the BJP as corrupt during the 2023 Legislative Assembly election campaign.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had been granted bail by the court on the first day of hearing on June 1. The court had directed Mr. Gandhi to appear in person on June 7.

Following the court order, Mr. Gandhi appeared in court, and submitted surety provided by the former Member of Parliament D.K. Suresh.

**Private complaint**

The case of defamation was taken up based on a private complaint filed before the court by BJP MLC Keshav Prasad on May 8, 2023.

# Setback for BJP in Council polls, but NDA still hangs on to majority

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The BJP has suffered setbacks in the Legislative Council elections as it managed to win just one of the four seats it contested. However, the NDA (BJP and Janata Dal-Secular alliance) has managed to hold on to the majority in the Upper House.

Of the six seats – three each in graduates and teachers' constituencies – the ruling Congress won three, the JD(S) won two and the BJP one. The saffron party lost two of the seats it had earlier held to the Congress, while it warded off the rebellion in the party ranks in the lone seat it won.

Elections were necessitated as the term of office would end on June 21.

Dhananjaya Sarji, BJP candidate who won the Legislative Council elections from the South-West Graduates' constituency, receiving the election certificate in Mysuru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Why it was crucial**

The elections, held on June 3, were seen as crucial as they could have provided the Congress majority if it had won all the six seats along with the seven that it won from the Legislative Assembly constituency on Thursday. A few important Bills have been blocked in the Upper House by the NDA partners as the Congress is short of majority.

The ruling party now has to wait till June-July 2026, when the term of seven seats elected from the Legislative Assembly ends on June 30, 2026, and the term of five nominated members ends on July 21, 2026.

After the results, the strength of the ruling party in the 75-member house is

**Strength of the Congress in the 75-member House is 34, while the NDA has 38 seats – 30 of the BJP and eight of the JD(S)**

34, while the NDA has 38 seats – 30 of the BJP and eight of the JD(S). One seat to be elected from the Legislative Assembly is vacant following the resignation of Jagadish Shettar. This seat will go to the Congress when the notification happens and the party has already named Basanagouda Badarli as its nominee. There is an Independent member, Lakhan Jharkiholi, and one seat is held by Chairman Basavaraj Horatti.

Meanwhile, one seat is set to be vacated with the resignation of the Leader of the Opposition Kota Srinivas Poojary, who has now been elected as a Member of the Lok Sabha from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru. Mr. Poojary represents the Dakshina Kannada Local Authorities constituency.

In the elections, the BJP's incumbent MLC Y.A. Narayanaswamy, who polled 7,142 votes, lost to D.T. Srinivas by a margin of 1,767 in Karnataka South-East Teachers' constituency. Mr. Srinivas, husband of the former BJP MLA from Hiriyur Poornima Srinivas, polled 8,909 votes. Though Congress rebel Vinod Sivaraj, who has now been expelled, polled 6,894 votes, he did not dent the chances of Mr. Srinivas. In Bangalore Graduates' seat, Congress nominee Ramoji Gowda, who polled 36,729 votes, defeated the incumbent BJP member A. Deve Gowda by a margin of 11,841 votes. Mr. Gowda polled 24,888.

Incumbent Congress MLC Chandrashekar Patil defeated BJP nominee Amarnath Patil by 4,446 votes in the Karnataka North-East Graduates' constituency. While the Congress nominee, who faced rebellion from a party colleague, polled 39,496 votes, the BJP candidate managed 35,050 votes. Congress rebel N. Prathap Reddy, who has been expelled now, polled 17,421 votes.

**BJP's lone seat**

BJP's lone seat came in the Karnataka South-West Graduates' constituency, where Dhananjaya Sarji, weathering rebellion by former BJP MLA Raghupathi Bhat, defeated Congress candidate Ayanur Manjunath by a margin of 24,110 votes. While Dr. Sarji polled 37,627 votes, Mr. Manjunath, who hopped from the BJP to the JD(S) and later to the Congress, polled 13,517 votes. Mr. Bhat managed to poll 7,039.

Earlier on Thursday, Janata Dal (Secular) candidate in the Karnataka South Teachers' constituency K. Vivekananda defeated four-time MLC Marithibbe Gowda while the incumbent JD(S) member from the Karnataka South-West Teachers' constituency S.L. Bhoje Gowda defeated K.K. Manjunath Kumar of the Congress.

# Prajwal Revanna case: Collective asks women's commission to help survivors

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

'Naveddu Nilladiddare', a human rights collective, wrote to the Karnataka State Commission for Women on Friday to voice its concerns over the safety and security of the victims of alleged sexual abuse by the former MP Prajwal Revanna, who is currently in police custody.

Members from the collective, who have been demanding justice for women in the alleged sexual abuse case, met commission chairperson Nagalakshmi Chowdhary and urged her to visit Hassan and announce the setting up of a helpline and a counselling centre for those women survivors who are suffering from family and social pressures. "It is absolutely essential that the government visibly extends support for the women survivors of this kind of public violence that has taken such an immense toll on their emotional and psychological wellbeing," the letter stated.

Members of 'Naveddu Nilladiddare' submitted a memorandum to Nagalakshmi Chowdhary, chairperson of the Karnataka State Commission for Women, on Friday.

"Ensure necessary psychological, medical, financial, and legal support to all the survivors of the sexual assault, as well as rehabilitation in terms of NALSA's compensation scheme for Women Survivors of Sexual Assault, 2018. Apart from this, facilitate additional moral support and legal counselling for those survivors who are coming forward to complain," the members said in the letter.

Demanding that the anticipatory bail granted to Mr. Prajwal's parents Bhavani Revanna and her husband H.D. Revanna, MLA, should be withdrawn, the letter pointed out that both these are among the prime accused in the case and are politically powerful in that area. "They can well influence and intimidate witnesses and potential complainants," the letter stated.

"Gender sensitisation workshops should be held for police and other agencies involved in the process of investigation to ensure that those women who come forward are treated with dignity and empathy. Village-level meetings with self-help groups, anganwadi teachers, and ASHA workers should be held to speak out against the stigmatisation of women who are the survivors of this sexual assault," the letter stated.

# SIT officials quiz Bhavani Revanna

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Hours after obtaining an interim bail order from the High Court, Bhavani Revanna, wife of H.D. Revanna and mother of rape-accused former MP Prajwal Revanna, appeared before the Special Investigation Team (SIT) for questioning on Friday afternoon.

She drove in a car into the CID headquarters along with her advocate with windows rolled up to avoid the media glare. She was questioned by SIT officials on her role in an alleged abduction case and abetting serial sex crimes allegedly committed by her son.

The SIT suspects that Ms. Bhavani plotted the abduction of a woman, who is in her 60s, in Mysuru who later accused Mr. Prajwal of rape and sexual assault. SIT officials had also detained Ms. Bhavani's car driver to question him about her whereabouts before she appeared.

**FIR in abduction case**

The K.R. Nagar police had registered an FIR in the first week of May, following a complaint by the victim's son accusing Mr. Revanna and his associate Sathish Babanna of abducting his mother. Sathish was subsequently arrested and the woman was rescued by the SIT from a farmhouse at Kalenahalli in Mysuru's Hunsur taluk.

On May 4, the SIT arrested Mr. Revanna and after a few days of police custody, he was sent to judicial custody. Mr. Revanna secured bail on May 20.

The SIT had issued notices to Ms. Bhavani to appear for questioning, but she dodged the officials even when the team went and searched for her at her residence in Bengaluru and Holenarsipur.

After she failed to respond to the notices multiple times, the SIT approached the court seeking an arrest warrant against Ms. Bhavani. She, however, appeared before the High Court on Friday seeking anticipatory bail.

# CM to attend CWC meet

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will attend a meeting of the Congress Working Committee (CWC) of the All-India Congress Committee (AICC) in New Delhi on Saturday.

AICC president M. Mallikarjun Kharge, the former AICC president Rahul Gandhi, PCC presidents, and senior leaders of the party will attend the meeting.

The meeting is expected to discuss the outcome of the Lok Sabha elections.

# Governor accepts Nagendra's resignation

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot has accepted the resignation of Scheduled Tribes Welfare Minister B. Nagendra, according to the Karnataka
State gazette notification. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had recommended to the Governor to accept the resignation, the notification said.

Mr. Nagendra resigned on Thursday in connection with the alleged illegal transfer of ₹88 crore from the government-owned Karnataka Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Ltd.

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Chamarajpet Division, BBMP Anganawadi Centre,
2nd Main, T.R. Mill Road, Bengaluru - 560018.

No: EE/CRP/TEND/E-PROC/01/2024-25 Date: 07-06-2024

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(Through GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

Executive Engineer, Chamarajpet Division, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders on item rate basis for the works mentioned below from the registered Contractors of BBMP or equivalent registration with CPWD / KPWD / Railways / MES or any State Government Organizations.
**(Standard Tender Document - KW-1, KW-2, KW-3 & KW-4)**

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period in Ward No. 153, 154, 155 & 156 at J.J.R. Nagar Sub Division. **Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 20.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 50,000/-** |
| 2 | Establishment of Temporary Control Room for Monsoon Period in Ward No. 157, 158 and 159 at Chamarajpet Sub Division. **Estimated Amount (Rs. in Lakhs): 15.00, EMD Amount (in Rs.): 37,500/-** |

**Calendar of Events: 1)** Tender documents can be downloaded from the GOK Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in. 2)** Last Date for Receipt of Queries: **15-06-2024 upto 15.00 Hours. 3)** Last Date for Uploading the Filled Proposals is **18-06-2024 upto 11.00 Hours. 4)** Date of Opening of Tender Proposals is **19-06-2024 after 12.00 Hours. through KPP Portal.** Further details can be had from the above office.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Chamarajpet Division, BBMP.**

GOVERNMENT OF TAMILNADU
**DIRECTORATE FOR WELFARE OF THE DIFFERENTLY ABLED**
5, LADY WILLINGDON COLLEGE CAMPUS, KAMARAJAR SALAI, CHENNAI-600 005.

Roc.No.1464 /A&A/2024 **TENDER NOTICE** Dated : 27.05.2024

Applications are invited from potential manufacturers/distributors for procurement of assistive devices for PWDs through e-procurement portal for the financial year 2024-2025. It is informed to get the complete details on the website of the department **www.scd.tn.gov.in** and apply.

Participating contractors shall submit the sample of the material quoted for, on the day of submission of bid application.

Tender applications are requested to be uploaded through e-procurement portal at **http://tntenders.gov.in**

Director for welfare the Differently Abled, Chennai-600 005 reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason.

The rates finalized through this tender is also applicable to the supplies under Government and other schemes.

DIPR/ 1800 /TENDER/2024 **Director for Welfare of the Differently Abled**

**STATE INDUSTRIES PROMOTION CORPORATION OF TAMIL NADU LIMITED,**
19-A, RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHY ROAD, EGMORE, CHENNAI-600 008.
CIN U74999TN1971SGC005967
**(ONLINE ONLY)**

Tender Notice NIT.No.03/CD/T.No.03/2024-25 Dt.07.06.2024

For and on behalf of State Industries Promotion Corporation of Tamil Nadu Limited, tenders are invited under "**Two Cover System**" through online only for the following work from **qualified Bidders** having experience in similar nature of works as mentioned under. Tenders will be received upto **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **22.08.2024** and the same will be opened at **15.30 Hrs** (as per server system clock) on **23.08.2024.**

| Name of Work | Approx. value of work | EMD |
|---|---|---|
| **Development Of 60 MLD sea water desalination plant at village Mullakadu in Tuticorin district – Tamilnadu on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), PPP Basis** | **Rs.904.07 Crores** (including GST @18%) | **Rs. 4,52,15,000/-*** |

* EMD should be paid through Online in the portal (**https:// tntenders.gov.in**)
The tender Schedule can be Downloaded at free of cost from the website **https:// tntenders.gov.in**

DIPR/1794/Tender/2024 **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

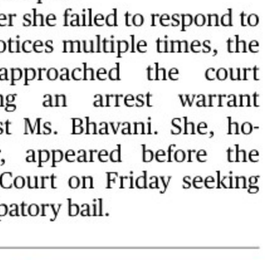
**OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE**

**DEATH ANNIVERSARIES**

**EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY**

**S.SHANMUGAVADIVEL**
B.A.,B.L.,D.SS.
Rtd. Asst. Commissioner of Labour, Chennai.
*Fondly remembered by the FAMILY*

**FOURTEENTH ANNIVERSARY**



**NAMBUNGAL R.NARAYANAN**
DOD - 08.06.2010
*We Miss you..*
**Family & Friends**
**Ph: 044-24338787**

## INBRIEF

### Villagers rescue 12-ft python from house in A.P.

Villagers rescued a 12-foot python from a house in Vepanapalle in Andhra Pradesh's Chittoor district on Friday. When the family members discovered the large python under a bed, neighbours intervened and safely removed the reptile into a gunny bag and handed it over to the forest officials. The officials commended the villagers on their non-violent approach and later released the python in a forest.

### YSRCP activist attacked in Chittoor

A YSRCP activist was allegedly assaulted and a campaign vehicle of the party was set afire in two separate incidents in Chittoor district of Andhra Pradesh on Thursday night causing concern among the party followers.

Unidentified persons forcibly entered the residence of Khader, a YSRCP activist in the Bodigutta locality and assaulted him, causing severe injuries to him, before fleeing the scene. Mr. Khader was taken to the District Hospital for treatment.

### Wildlife conservationist A.J.T. Johnsingh no more

Noted Indian wildlife biologist and conservationist Asir Jawahar Thomas Johnsingh, popularly known as A.J.T. Johnsingh, died in Bengaluru on Friday after a brief illness. He was 78, and is survived by two sons.

Johnsingh will be laid to rest next to the tomb of his wife, Kousalya, at Dohnavur near Kalakkad.

"Tamil Nadu lost a leading light today, Dr. A.J.T. Johnsingh, a luminary in wildlife conservation," Chief Minister M.K. Stalin said in a post on X.

# Don't precipitate complaint against Nadda, Malviya: HC

The case pertains to an animated video posted on social media by BJP's Karnataka unit

FROM THE COURT

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the police not to precipitate the complaint, registered against BJP national president J.P. Nadda and party's national IT cell in-charge Amit Malviya, in connection with an animated video posted on social media by the party's Karnataka unit on "Muslim appeasement" by the Congress.

Justice Krishna S. Dixit passed the interim order on a petition filed by Mr. Nadda and Mr. Malviya and adjourned further hearing after ordering issue of notice to the High Grounds police in Bengaluru.

**Against policy**

Contending that the animated video did not contain any content to promote enmity, ill will or hatred among the communities as the video was a mere expression of displeasure over the manifesto of the Opposition Congress, it has been contended in the petition that bringing to the notice of the general public the danger of the policy of the Opposition party quoted in its manifesto does not amount to any offence of creating enmity between two communities.

Stating that BJP's social media team in Karnataka had created the video, the petitioners said the animation was aimed at exposing the "draconian policy" of the Congress, which wanted to "take away a certain percentage of reservation from SC/ST and OBCs and make over the same to a particular religious community".

**Not an offence**

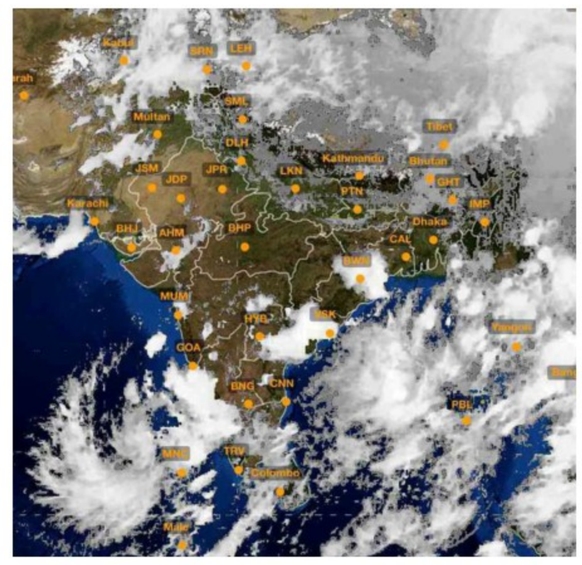
Claiming that they cannot be arraigned as parties to the complaint as they would not know all the activities of the party's State unit, it has been contended in the petition that the content of the animated video is neither an offence under the IPC nor is a violation of the model code of conduct for the election.

## *Splash of colours*

**Picture-perfect:** Rainbows light up the Bengaluru sky following showers on Friday evening. K. MURALI KUMAR

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday




TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Saturday:** Heavy/very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over Assam, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, central Maharashtra, Marathwada, Konkan & Goa, coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Mahe. Heat wave conditions to prevail in isolated pockets of Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha and east Madhya Pradesh

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | 44 | 33.6 | 24.4 | Kozhikode | 21 | 31.8 | 25.2 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 43.0 | 30.0 | Kurnool | 4 | 34.5 | 25.0 |
| Aizawl | 26 | 30.8 | 22.2 | Lucknow | — | 42.0 | 27.5 |
| Allahabad | — | 45.3 | 28.9 | Madurai | 41 | 33.8 | 24.2 |
| Bengaluru | 5 | 29.0 | 21.8 | Mangaluru | 4 | 27.9 | 25.4 |
| Bhopal | — | 41.4 | 30.0 | Mumbai | — | 35.3 | 29.6 |
| Bhubaneswar | — | 37.6 | 28.6 | Mysuru | — | — | — |
| Chandigarh | — | 41.2 | 27.4 | New Delhi | — | 43.0 | 28.0 |
| Chennai | 25 | 32.8 | 25.4 | Patna | — | 41.9 | 28.5 |
| Coimbatore | 0.9 | 33.8 | 24.0 | Port Blair | 15 | 30.4 | 24.6 |
| Dehradun | — | 39.0 | 22.8 | Puducherry | 22.3 | — | 25.2 |
| Gangtok | 2 | 23.2 | 17.8 | Pune | 26.4 | 34.8 | 23.2 |
| Goa | 14 | 31.8 | 24.4 | Raipur | — | 42.0 | 29.0 |
| Guwahati | — | 36.4 | 26.2 | Ranchi | — | 38.8 | 26.0 |
| Hubballi | — | 28.0 | 23.0 | Shillong | 17 | 24.9 | 17.0 |
| Hyderabad | 7 | 33.3 | 24.0 | Shimla | — | 31.5 | 18.8 |
| Imphal | 2 | 30.7 | 21.2 | Srinagar | 3 | 21.6 | 12.0 |
| Jaipur | — | 42.4 | 30.9 | Thiruvananthapuram | 15 | 31.6 | 25.3 |
| Kochi | 20 | 29.8 | 25.0 | Tiruchi | 34 | 33.7 | 24.6 |
| Kohima | — | 25.8 | 16.0 | Vijayawada | — | 34.5 | 27.4 |
| Kolkata | 7 | 38.6 | 27.5 | Visakhapatnam | — | 33.0 | 28.1 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .17 | ..61 | .10 | ...214 | ...133 | |
| Bengaluru | .14 | ..21 | .78 | .....38 | ....49 | |
| Chennai | .31 | ..24 | 106 | .....32 | ....32 | |
| Delhi | .18 | ..56 | .42 | ...343 | ...297 | |
| Hyderabad | .30 | ..23 | .39 | .....55 | ....67 | |
| Kolkata | ...6 | ..29 | .19 | .....82 | ....75 | |
| Lucknow | ...9 | ..52 | .30 | ...157 | ...138 | |
| Mumbai | .18 | ..62 | .35 | .....44 | ....79 | |
| Pune | ..— | ..37 | 102 | .....34 | ....59 | |
| Visakhapatnam | .15 | ....6 | .25 | .....40 | ....84 | |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Jhunjhunu, Rajasthan recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 388 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Ramanathapuram, Tamil Nadu recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

**Air Quality Code:** Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

**$NO_2$:** Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

**CO:** Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

**PM2.5 & PM10:** Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Whereas my client **Smt. CHILAKALA SRILAXMI** W/o Sri. Raju Jayaprakash Kuppu Aged about 44 years, Residing at No. 7/1, No. 43, 44, 1st Cross, Asthalakshmi Layout, Puttenahalli, J.P. Nagar 6th Phase, Bangalore-560078, she intending to purchase the under mentioned property hereunder and hereinafter referred to as the 'Schedule Property' from **Smt. SHARMILA KRISHNASWAMY** Aged about 52 years D/o Late. Kolar Venkatarama Sastry Residing at No. 224, 2nd Main Road, 6th Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore-560070, who claims to be the legal heirs and absolute owners of the 'Schedule Property'. Any other person/s who have any kind of right, claims, interest, over the 'Schedule Property' are herewith called upon to file their claims before the undersigned within **Seven (7) days** from the date of publication of their notice **'Kannada and English'** News Paper with the relevant and concerned documents. If no such claim is filed within the given time my client shall proceed and purchase the 'Schedule Property' as 'no claims subsisting'

**SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY**

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL OF Immovable Residential Property bearing **Site No.12** (Twelve), Old V.P. Khatha **No.820,** then Bommanahalli C.M.C. Khatha **No.1473,** Present BBMP Khatha **No.1473/820/12/162,** formed and carved out of Converted Land bearing **Survey No.162** (duly converted from agricultural to non-agricultural residential purposes vide Conversion Order bearing No. **B.DIS.ALN.SR(S)296/92-93** dated **18-01-1993** issued by the Special Deputy commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore), situated at KOTHANUR VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, previously comes within the limits of Bommanahalli Nagarasabhe, presently comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), Ward No.195-Konanakunte, Measuring : East to West: 30-0 (Thirty) Feet and North to South : 45-0 (Forty Five) Feet, totally measuring 1350 Square Feet, together with 40 Squares of RCC Roofed Residential Building comprising of Ground, First, Second and Third Floors, and bounded on the **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Site bearing No. 11, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Site Bearing No. 5.

**B. C. KEERTHI KISHORE,** ADVOCATE
Office: No.13, 3rd Cross, 8th Main Jayanagar 1st Block East, BDA Layout, Bangalore-560 011
Ph. No. 9986466139 / 080-22449640
Place: Bangalore Date: 08-06-2024

**SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY** G20

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following work.

**E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/16 Dated : 29.05.2024**

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| (Re-tender) Modification of OHE for new RUB construction in Mysuru - Chamarajanagar & Mysuru - Yeliyur Sections. | Rs. 46,93,166.87 |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 20-06-2024**

**E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/17 Dated : 31.05.2024**

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| (Re-tender) Power supply arrangements to 22 Nos. of Lifts over Mysuru Division. | Rs. 84,69,384/- |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 21-06-2024**

**E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/18 Dated : 30.05.2024**

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| Modification of OHE for provision of Lathe Machine at Mysuru IOH shed. | Rs. 3,24,942.18 |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 21-06-2024**

**E-Tender Notice No: Y/E.29/2024-25/19 Dated : 31.05.2024**

| Name of the Work | Approx. Value |
|---|---|
| (Re-tender) Conducting LV safety audit along with fire safety audit at Divisional Office Mysuru, Railway Hospital Mysuru, Mysuru Railway Station, Davangere & Shivamogga Town Railway Stations. | Rs. 20,24,549.60 |

Last date for submission of bids: **Upto 11:00 Hrs on 21-06-2024**

**For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in**

**Senior Divisional Electrical Engineer / TR Mysuru**

PUB/136/AAS/PRB/SWR/2024-25
South Western Railway - SWR SWRRLY SWRRLY

**TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD**
**INVITATION OF BIDS–TWO COVER –ITEMWAR TENDER SYSTEM-Short Term – (E-Submission)- 2nd call**

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|---|---|
| IFB No. | No.08 /F.Flood Damage /DO II/ CW /2024 / Dt.07.06.2024 |
| Fund | Flexi fund under JJM |
| Eligibility | Registered Class I Bidders (Civil) |
| Tender Invitee | The Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, No.1/1, Sambakulam, Madurai – 625 007 |
| Down loading Period | **13.06.2024 to 27.06.2024** upto **15.00** hours |
| EMD Payable | Online Mode through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"** |
| Pre Bid meeting | **19.06.2024** at **11.00** hours at the office of the Tender Invitee |
| **Bid Submission** | **27.06.2024** before **15.00** hours duly Digitally signed encrypted Tenders through E-Tendering website **"https://tntenders.gov.in"** |
| **Bid opening** | **28.06.2024** at **15.30** hours through E-Tender Portal |

| IFB No. | Name of work | Approximate value (Rs.in crore) (incl. GST) | Bid Security (Rs. in lakh) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 08 | Permanent Restoration works in the CWSS to 637 Rural Habitations in Aruppukottai, Kariapatti, Virudhunagar (Part), Thiruchuli and Narikudi Unions in Virudhunagar District due to North East Monsoon Flood occurred in River Tamirabarani. | 11.53 | 8.65 |

DIPR/ 1801 /TENDER/2024
SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

**Chief Engineer (a/c), TWAD Board, Madurai**

**ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು**
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಸಿವಿಲ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಸಯ್ಯಾಜಿರಾವ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಮೈಸೂರು. ಇ-ಮೇಲ್:eewmccmys@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಮೈನಪಾ/ಕಾ.ಇಂ(ಪೂ&ಪ)/ಸಾ.ಟೆಂ.ಪ್ರ-02/2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:06.06.2024

**ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ)

ಮೈಸೂರು ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವಿವಿಧ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

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Government of Karnataka
**(Public Works Department)**
**O/O EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PWD DIVISION, KALABURAGI**

No : PWD:EE:KLB:TS-3:2024-25/671 Dated : 06.06.2024

**NOTIFICATION**

**EMPANELMENT OF CONSULTANTS-EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

Applications are invited for the empanelment of consultants for public works department for consultancy services (Excluding world bank projects, ADB and other externally aided projects) for project monitoring consultancy services, Third party inspection of quality control, preparation of detailed project reports, structural designs, proof checking of structural designs, road safety audit, post implementation study, environment impact study etc. The interested consultants may submit their application with necessary documents to the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kalaburagi through email (eepwdklbcons2024@gmail.com) from **07.06.2024 to 29.06.2024 up to 4.30 pm.** The applications and the necessary documents received through the above email during the above specified timings will only be considered. The details are as under.

1) The empanelment period is for five years, 2) The consultants will be empanelled classifying as category I, II, III and IV based on the estimated cost of the projects, 3. The empanelled consultants will be eligible to submit the request for proposals for projects with estimated cost up to Rs 2.00 crores for category IV, up to Rs 10.00 crores for category III, up to Rs 20.00 crores for category II and any amount for category I, 4. The consultants to be empanelled under category IV have to choose any one division namely Kalaburagi /Bidar /Yadgiri /Sedam under jurisdiction of PWD circle, Kalaburagi in their application and will be eligible for consultancy services in the jurisdiction of that applied division only. However the consultants will be empanelled to other divisions if found necessary by the chief engineer C & B (NE) Kalaburagi with the consent of the consultants., 5. The consultants to be empanelled under category III will be eligible for consultancy services in the jurisdiction of PWD circle, Kalaburagi only., 6. The consultants to be empanelled under category II will be eligible for consultancy services in the jurisdiction of PWD zone (NE) Kalaburagi only. 7. The consultants to be empanelled under category I will be eligible for consultancy services in the jurisdiction of PWD zone (NE) Kalaburagi only, 8. The minimum eligibility criteria's and the documents to be submitted are prescribed and will be considered for evaluation accordingly.

The minimum eligibility criteria's and the documents to be submitted with the application which will be considered for evaluation are as per the directions of the Govt vide ltr No : PWD:95:BMS:2020 dated 10-6-2020. It is mandatory to produce the original copies of the documents which would be submitted along with the application through the above email at the time of scrutiny of the applications at this office.

A preliminary meeting is convened at the office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Kalaburagi on **20.06.2024 at 11.00 am.** The interested consultants are requested to attend the meeting or contact this office during office hours to seek further clarifications and additional information.

**Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD, Division,Kalaburagi**

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**ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ**
ಹೈದ್ರಾಬಾದ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಯಾದಗಿರಿ – 585201.
ಇ-ಮೇಲ್:apmcyadagiri@gmail.com ಕಛೇರಿ/ಟೆಲಿಫ್ಯಾಕ್ಸ್: 08473-250203, 251382.

ಒ:ಕೃಉಮಾಸ:ಯಾ:ಅಭಿಕೆ:ವಾಕ್ರಿಯೋ: 54 :2024-25 ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.06.2024.

**:ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಇ-ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ:(Short Term Tendar)**

ಯಾದಗಿರಿ ಕೃಷಿ ಉತ್ಪನ್ನ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಸಮಿತಿ ವತಿಯಿಂದ 2024-25 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಷಿಕ ಕ್ರಿಯಾ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಾಣಿಸಿದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾಯ್ದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಗಳು 1999-2000 ಹಾಗೂ ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧವಾಗಿ ಹೊರಡಿಸಿರುವ ಸರಕಾರದ ಆದೇಶ ಸುತ್ತೋಲೆಗಳಂತೆ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿತ ಆಸಕ್ತಿ ಹೊಂದಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಇ-ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ (K.W-3) ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ರ ಮೂಲಕ ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.

**ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಹೆಸರು:** ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆ ಪ್ರಾಂಗಣದ ಸಿ.ಸಿ. ರಸ್ತೆಚರಂಡಿ ಮತ್ತು ಕಲ್ವರ್ಟ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ (ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂ. 204 ರಿಂದ ನಿವೇಶನ ಸಂ.215 ರವರೆಗೆ). **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ :** ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 78,74,101.22 (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಸೇರಿ). ದ್ವಿ-ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ **ಮುಂಗಡ ಠೇವಣಿ (ಇಎಂಡಿ):** ರೂ.1,57,500.00 **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಶುಲ್ಕ:** ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ (K.W-3)ರನ್ವಯ. **ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರ್ಮ್ ಬೆಲೆ (ತೆರಿಗೆ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕ):** ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ರನ್ವಯ. **ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ:** 1ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು. **ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ:** 175 ದಿನಗಳು (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ).

**1) ಬಿಡ್ ಪೂರ್ವಭಾವಿ ಸಭೆ ಮತ್ತು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತಕರಾರು ಸಮಜಾಯಿಷಿ ನೀಡುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 21-06-2024 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ. **2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 25.06.2024ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ವರೆಗೆ. **3) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:** 27-06-2024. ರ ಸಂಜೆ 4:00 ವರೆಗೆ. 4) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 02-07-2024. ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:00 ವರೆಗೆ. (ಸಾದ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ)

ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೊಸೆಸ್ಸಿಂಗ್ ಫೀ ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ವಯ ಇದ್ದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳು ಇ-ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನಮೂದಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತವೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ, ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕಛೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಅಥವಾ http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮತ್ತು ಮೋ.ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 9481002193 / 9482399558 ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಯಾವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ನೀಡದೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಅಥವಾ ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕನ್ನು ಸಮಿತಿಯು ಕಾಯ್ದಿರಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯದರ್ಶಿ
ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ. ಯಾದಗಿರಿ.

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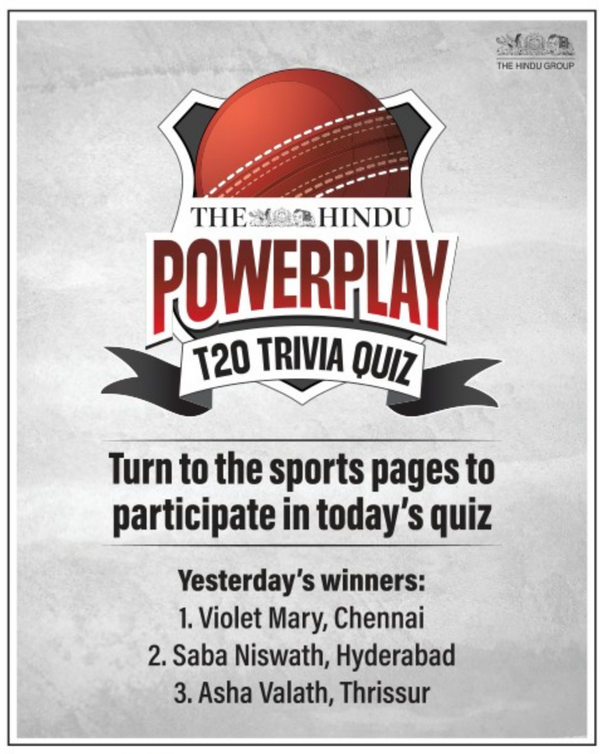
ಸಹಿ/-ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು
ಕೃ.ಉ.ಮಾ.ಸ. ಯಾದಗಿರಿ.



## Third avatar

### The mandate is for Narendra Modi to change his approach to governance

Elected the leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) on June 7, Narendra Modi is set to become Prime Minister for a third consecutive term. The swearing-in is to be on June 9. Though the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) fell short of a majority in the Lok Sabha, the NDA appears well poised for the third term, in terms of numbers and political compatibility among its partners. Key partners were effusive in their praise for Mr. Modi at the NDA meeting, who in turn struck all the conciliatory notes. He promised to strive for unanimity in all decisions taken by his next government, and underscored a commitment to '*sarv pantha sambhava*' – equality of all sects. Telugu Desam Party leader N. Chandrababu Naidu, who is set to return as the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, and Bihar Chief Minister and Janata Dal (United) leader Nitish Kumar – two partners as part of the pre-poll alliance that won the 2024 election and with the largest numbers after the BJP – showed no ambiguity in staying the course with the BJP. The alliance is off to a harmonious beginning, and it will require leadership and compromise by all parties to keep it that way. While all partners declared their respect for the renewed mandate for Mr. Modi, it is only natural that the caveat of coalition will apply too. The BJP's numbers are higher than its own under A.B. Vajpayee and of the Congress-led UPA governments, from 2004 to 2014.

Unanimity on all issues is not easy, but consultations can be, and those should go beyond the NDA's partners. Mr. Modi said he looked forward to more debates in the 18th Lok Sabha – a case that cannot be overstated, considering the erosion of parliamentary authority during the 17th Lok Sabha. Mr. Modi's second term had begun with a promise of seeking the trust of all – *sabka vishwas*, as he called it. That promise remained largely unrealised, particularly with regard to the religious minorities. There was no numerical restraint during the second term for Mr. Modi, but during his third, his government's survival will be dependent on non-BJP partners, necessitating compromises. The test of the democratic spirit will be in consensus building beyond the ruling coalition. The BJP, despite the setback it faced in the general election in heartland strongholds, expanded its footprint among new regions and communities in the south and the northeast, a point Mr. Modi noted in his speech at the NDA meeting. The Opposition too has emerged as a stronger presence in Parliament. The fresh mandate for Mr. Modi necessitates that he change his approach to governance and politics.

## Change and continuity

### Mexico's first woman President must crack down on organised crime

When Andrés Manuel López Obrador, the leftist nationalist and leader of the Movement of National Rejuvenation (Morena), became the President of Mexico in 2018, many warned that the Latin American country was on the path to become another Venezuela. But Mr. Obrador proved his critics wrong using populism with fiscal responsibility and pushing Mexico's polity, which was dominated by the pro-American, centre-right Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) for over seven decades, towards the Left. The Morena's surge helped Claudia Sheinbaum, the 61-year-old climate scientist who was endorsed by Mr. Obrador, make history last week as she was elected the first woman President of Mexico. The former Mexico City Mayor, known for her tough measures in tackling violent crimes, won 58.6% votes, while her rival, Xóchitl Gálvez, the joint candidate of three opposition parties, secured 28.4%. Morena also won a two-thirds majority in Parliament, which makes Ms. Sheinbaum the first leader in over 30 years who can push constitutional changes – a long-standing promise of Mr. Obrador – through Congress without the opposition's support. Ms. Sheinbaum, who campaigned on the promise of wealth distribution, tackling crime and building a stronger economy, said she will stay true to Mr. Obrador's legacy.

Mr. Obrador's victory in 2018 marked a paradigm shift in Mexico's politics. He promised to end widespread corruption and launch a massive public spending programme. But unlike several other populists in the region, he adopted a pragmatic approach seeking to bring in gradual changes. He rolled out cash handouts of about $350 for the elderly and monthly scholarships of about $50 for students, besides launching reforestation grants in rural areas, without jeopardising the country's economic stability. The Mexican peso rose to its strongest levels in almost a decade and investments flowed in. While economic expansion averaged at about 1%, unemployment fell to 2.8%, one of the country's all-time lows. Mr. Obrador remained largely popular despite criticisms of his failing to tackle violent crime and his intolerance towards dissent. Ms. Sheinbaum should be mindful of the criticisms her predecessor faced. There are concerns that the Morena's supermajority would lead to constitutional amendments, doing away with some checks and balances on executive power. The new President should bring the fiscal deficit, which ballooned in Mr. Obrador's last year in office, under check while continuing his social security measures. A bigger challenge would be to crack down on gangs that control drug trafficking to the U.S. Ms. Sheinbaum should use her strong mandate to offer a social contract that improves on Mr. Obrador's welfarism with a stronger emphasis on the Morena's social democracy.

# The Centre is notional, the States the real entities

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The results of the general election 2024 have thrown up a surprise. They portend greater democratisation in the country, with the regional parties doing well. These parties will share space on the ruling party benches as well as on the Opposition side in Parliament. This will help strengthen federalism, which is so crucial for a diverse nation such as India. It was badly fraying till recently.

Centre-State relations became contentious during the campaigning for the general election. The idea of '400 *paar*', 'one nation one election' and the Prime Minister's emphatic threat that the corrupt (i.e., Opposition leaders) will soon be in jail were perceived as threats to the Opposition-ruled States.

The Opposition-ruled States have been complaining about stepmotherly treatment by the Centre. Protests have been held in Delhi and the State capitals. The Supreme Court of India has said that 'a steady stream of States are compelled to approach it against the Centre'. Kerala has complained about the inadequate transfer of resources, Karnataka about drought relief and West Bengal about funds for the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS). The attempt seems to be to show the Opposition-ruled States in a bad light.

The Supreme Court, expressing its helplessness, recently said that Centre-State issues need to be sorted out amicably. When the Bharatiya Janata Party came to power in 2014, it had talked of cooperative federalism. The introduction of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) in 2017 was an example of this when some States that had reservations about it, eventually agreed to its roll-out. But that was the last of it. With federalism fraying, discord has grown between the Centre and the Opposition-ruled States.

There is a huge diversity among the States – Assam is unlike Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh is very different from Tamil Nadu. A common approach is not conducive to the progress of such diverse States. They need greater autonomy to address their issues in their own unique ways. This is both democracy and federalism. So, a dominant Centre forcing its will on the States, leading to the deterioration in Centre-State relations, does not augur well for India.

**Financing and conflict is one issue**

States face three broad kinds of issues. Some of them can be dealt with by each State without impacting other States such as in education, health and social services. But infrastructure and water sharing require States to come to an agreement. Issues such as currency and defence require a common approach. The last two kinds of issues require a higher authority, in the form of the Centre, to bring about coordination and optimality.

Expenditures have to be financed to achieve goals, and that results in conflict. Revenue has to be raised through taxes, non-tax sources and borrowings. The Centre has been given a predominant role in raising resources due to the efficiency in collecting taxes centrally. Among the major taxes, personal income tax (PIT), corporation tax, customs duty and excise duty are collected by the Centre. GST is collected by both the Centre and the States and shared. So, the Centre controls most of the resources, and they have to be devolved to the States to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities.

A Finance Commission is appointed to decide on: the devolution of funds from the Centre to the States, and the share of each State. The Centre sets up the Commission and has mostly set its terms of reference. This introduces a bias in favour of the Centre and becomes a source of conflict between the Centre and States. Further, there has been an implicit bias in the Commissions, that the States are not fiscally responsible. This reflects the Centre's bias – that the States are not doing what they should and that they make undue demands on the Centre.

The States also pitch their demands high to try and get a larger share of the revenues. They tend to show lower revenue collection and higher expenditures in the hope that there will be a greater allocation from the Commission. The Commission becomes an arbiter, and the States the supplicants.

**Inter-State tussles, Centre-State relations**

The States cannot have a common position as they are at different stages of development and with vastly different resource positions. The rich States have greater resources while the poor ones need more resources in order to develop faster and also play catch up. So, the Finance Commission is supposed to devolve proportionately more funds to the poorer States. Unfortunately, despite the efforts of the 15 Finance Commissions so far, the gap remains wide.

The rich States, which contribute more and get proportionately less, have resented this. What they forget is that the poorer States provide them the market, which enables them to grow faster. The poorer States also lose much of their savings which leak out to the rich States, accelerating their development. It is often said that as Mumbai contributes a bulk of the corporation and income taxes, it should get more. But, this is because Mumbai is the financial capital. So, the big corporations are based there and pay their tax in Mumbai. More revenue is contributed in an accounting sense, and not that production is taking place in Mumbai.

The Centre allocates resources to the States in two ways. First, on account of the Finance Commission award. Second, the Centre is notional while the States are real. Thus, all expenditures by the Centre are in some State. The amount spent in each State is also a transfer. This becomes another source of conflict. Expenditures lead to jobs and prosperity in a State. Benefits accrue in proportion to the funds spent. As a result, each State wants more expenditure in its territory. The Centre can play politics in the allocation of schemes and projects. For instance, it is accused of favouring Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh. The Opposition-ruled States have for long complained of step-motherly treatment.

To get more resources, the States have to fall in line with the Centre's diktat. This has taken a new form when the call is for a 'double engine *ki sarkar*', i.e., for the same political party to be governing at the Centre and the States. It is an admission that the Opposition-ruled States will be at a disadvantage. This undermines the autonomy of the States and also weakens federalism.

The autonomy of States is not to be confused with a freedom to do anything. It is circumscribed by the need to function within a national framework for wider good. It implies a fine balance between the common and the diverse.

**Issues in federalism**

The Sixteenth Finance Commission has begun work. It should try to reverse fraying federalism and strengthen the spirit of India as a 'Union of States'. This is not only a political task but also an economic one. The Commission could suggest that there is even-handed treatment of all the States by the Centre and also less friction among the rich and poor States when proportionately more resources are transferred to poor States so as to keep rising inequality in check.

The issue of governance, both at the Centre and in the States, needs to be flagged. It determines investment productivity and the pace of development. Corruption and cronyism lead to resources being wasted and a loss of social welfare.

To reduce the domination of the Centre over the States, the devolution of resources from the Centre to the States could be raised substantially from its current level of 41%. The Centre's role could be curtailed. For instance, the Public Distribution System or MGNREGS are joint schemes, but the Centre asserts that it be given credit. It has penalised States that have not done so.

The Centre's undue assertiveness undermines federalism. Funds with the Centre are public funds collected from the States and spent in the States. The Centre is notional and constitutionally created, while States and local bodies are the real entities, where economic activity occurs and resources are generated. The States have agreed to the Centre's constitutional position but that does not make them supplicants for their own funds. It is time that the utilisation of the country's resources is jointly decided by the Centre and the States on the basis of being equal partners.

This has become more feasible with the changed political situation after the results of the 2024 general election.

Utilisation of the country's resources needs to be decided jointly by the Centre and the States. The changed political situation after the general election makes this feasible

# Remoulding the Global Plastics Treaty

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As discussions still continue for an international legally binding treaty on plastic pollution, it becomes crucial to consider how it can support a fair transition for individuals who collect and recycle waste informally. According to the OECD Global Plastic Outlook, global production of plastic waste was 353 million tonnes in 2019 – more than double since it was in 2000, and is set to triple by 2060. Only 9% of this was recycled, 50% sent to landfills, 19% incinerated, and 22% disposed of in uncontrolled sites or dumps. According to the United Nations Environment Programme, of the 9% recycled, 85% was done by informal recycling workers.

These workers collect, sort and recover recyclable and reusable materials from general waste, alleviating municipal budgets of financial burdens around waste management and, at large, subsidising the environmental mandate of the producers, consumers and the government. The Centre for Environment Justice and Development has also observed that they promote circular waste management solutions and help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, valuably contributing to sustainability. Their efforts significantly reduce plastic content in landfills and dump sites, effectively preventing plastic leaking into the environment.

**The need for recognition**

Yet, these workers are often overlooked and remain highly vulnerable in plastic value chains. They face risks such as increasing privatisation of waste management, waste-to-energy or incineration projects, and exclusion through other public policy interventions in plastic waste management in the norms of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).

The informal waste and recovery sector (IWRS) is more than a minor player in worldwide municipal solid waste management systems. According to the UN-Habitat's Waste Wise Cities Tool (WaCT), the informal sector accounts for 80% of municipal solid waste recovery in many cities.

A recent study by UN-Habitat and the University of Leeds estimates that around 60 million tonnes of plastic from municipal solid waste pollute the environment, including waterbodies, due to inadequate collection services and mismanagement of solid waste. Without the IWRS, the volume would be higher. However, as highlighted in the recent Leave No One Behind Report, strategies to reduce plastic pollution often neglect to effectively involve the recovery capacities, skills, and knowledge of the IWRS. This oversight worsens livelihood vulnerabilities and undermines existing informal recovery systems.

**Global treaty, need for a just transition**

The Global Plastics Treaty is a significant attempt to establish a legally binding agreement aimed at reducing and eliminating plastic pollution. The decision to establish an Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee (INC) was made in early 2021 during the fifth UN Environment Assembly in Nairobi, Kenya. The INC's journey, beginning with an Ad Hoc Open-Ended Working Group meeting in Dakar, Senegal, in mid-2022, was followed by subsequent meetings in Uruguay, Paris, and Nairobi, with the fourth INC-4 in Canada in April this year. The final INC-5 meeting in South Korea will continue to see active participation from the International Alliance of Waste Pickers (IAWP).

The IAWP, a vocal participant in the UNEA Plastic Treaty process, emphasises the importance of supporting the formalisation and integration of informal waste pickers into discussions on addressing plastics. It also advocates including waste pickers' perspectives and solutions at every stage of policy and law implementation.

These measures aim to acknowledge waste pickers' historical contributions, protect their rights, and promote effective and sustainable plastic waste management practices. There is no universally agreed-upon terminology for a just transition or a formal definition of the informal waste sector and its workforce. Clarifying these definitions is crucial.

**India's voice is important**

As a key representative from the Global South, India promotes an approach that enhances repair, reuse, refill, and recycling without necessarily eliminating the use of plastics altogether.

India has also stressed the importance of adopting country-specific circumstances and capacities. Hence, India's informal waste pickers, who are indispensable, remain central to the discussion.

We, therefore, need to rethink the formulation of our EPR norms and raise questions on how to integrate this informal worker cohort into the new legal framework.

As the final round of negotiations for the Global Plastics Treaty approaches the INC-5, a key question remains – on how a global instrument to end plastic pollution can enable a just transition for nearly 15 million people who informally collect and recover up to 58% of global recycled waste, thereby shaping a sustainable future. By incorporating their perspectives and ensuring their livelihoods are protected, the treaty can embody social justice and equity principles while leaving no one and no place behind.

*The views expressed are personal*

As an instrument to end plastic pollution, it needs to ensure social justice and equity principles for the informal recycling worker

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**The message of 2024**

A truly federal structure should be evolved to avoid any possibility of majoritarian or dictatorial governance and tendencies in India in the future. India has had a narrow and providential escape from such a situation, thanks to an alert electorate and experience of the central governance of the last 10 years. A coalition government is necessary if 'the India as we knew it' has to survive and progress. There need to be adequate checks and balances in place to ensure that the interests of all diverse sections are fully protected.

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The long shadow of a truncated mandate that looms large over the scheduled election of Narendra Modi for a third term in office will ensure that Mr. Modi will rule India looking over his shoulder often. His coalition partners are sure to have demands. The verdict of 2024 is a blessing in disguise for the proper functioning of Indian democracy. Mr. Modi will have to be mindful of the sensitivities and sensibilities in every corner of India. Hail the Indian electorate for such a wisdom-tinged verdict.

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There are many lessons in the way the INDIA bloc has risen and the Bharatiya Janata Party has wilted to some degree. The people of India cannot be taken for granted. They voted on the basis of seeking answers to the burning issues of the day — price rise, unemployment, corruption and also farmer distress, to name a few. The Ayodhya result drives home this point. The attempt to misguide people using the politics of polarisation failed miserably.

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# Why the BJP underperformed in U.P.

Akhilesh Yadav's alternative social engineering formula, worry among voters that the Constitution will be changed, polarisation, and poor performance of MPs all contributed to the BJP's loss

**Mirza Asmer Beg, Shashi Kant Pandey, & Akhilesh Pal**

The INDIA coalition's performance in Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha elections has surprised everyone. The alliance has made deep inroads among all the major social groups except upper castes. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) could win only 33 of the 75 seats it contested, and its allies won only one. On the other hand, the INDIA coalition won 43 seats.

THE HINDU CSDS-LOKNITI Post-poll Survey 2024

The Lokniti-CSDS post-poll survey data show that the general/upper caste Brahmin, Rajput, and Vaishya voters largely favoured the BJP, while the Other Backward Classes (OBCs), Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Muslim voters preferred the INDIA coalition. Close to nine of every 10 (89%) Rajput voters favoured the BJP. Yadav and Muslim voters consolidated in favour of the INDIA coalition along with a sizeable share of non-Jatav Dalit voters (Table 1).

The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) lost support among all the social denominations including Jatavs, its main support category. The BSP's loss was a gain for the INDIA coalition as the former's vote shifted heavily towards the latter.

**Time to rejoice:** Akhilesh Yadav and Rahul Gandhi at a joint election rally in Kannauj. (Right): BJP supporters celebrate Narendra Modi's victory from Varanasi. SANDEEP SAXENA; ANI

Table 1: Caste-community voting pattern in Uttar Pradesh in the Lok Sabha elections (%)

| | Party/coalition voted for in 2024 | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | INDIA | NDA | BSP | Others |
| Upper Caste | 16 | 79 | 1 | 4 |
| Yadav | 82 | 15 | 2 | 2 |
| Kurmi-Koeri | 34 | 61 | 2 | 3 |
| Other OBCs | 34 | 59 | 3 | 4 |
| Jatav | 25 | 24 | 44 | 7 |
| Non-Jatav | 56 | 29 | 15 | 1 |
| Muslims | 92 | 2 | 5 | 1 |

### Wins and losses

The Congress bagged six seats out of the 17 it contested. The better coordination between Akhilesh Yadav and Rahul Gandhi got transferred to their cadres at the ground level and this was reflected in the seat share.

There were several factors which were responsible for the poor performance of the BJP and the spectacular performance of the Samajwadi Party (SP). First, the BJP, known for its social engineering, was overpowered by Mr. Yadav's alternative social engineering formula of 'PDA' under which he distributed tickets mostly to Pichhadas (backward communities) and Dalits and a few to Yadavs and Muslims in order to counter the allegation of being a Muslim-Yadav party. The SP gave tickets to 32 OBCs, 16 Dalits, 10 upper caste candidates, and four Muslims.

Second, several State BJP leaders acknowledged that many sitting MPs of the party had not kept in touch with the electorate in their respective constituencies. Yet, the party renominated them. Consequently, as many as 26 sitting MPs lost the elections. Third, OBCs and Dalits feared that the BJP would change the Constitution after some leaders made statements to this effect. Their apprehension was further compounded by the BJP announcing its target of winning more than 400 seats (Ab Ki Baar, 400 Paar). The party could not counter the Opposition's narrative that it wanted to change the Constitution and do away with reservation for OBCs and SC/STs.

> Unemployment was a major concern for the electorate. Frequent leaks of examination papers for government jobs further eroded public trust

Fourth, the BJP tried unsuccessfully to deflect the attention of voters from this issue by polarising the electorate. This did not cut much ice with the voters.

The BJP leadership was expecting its welfare schemes to elicit a favourable response from voters. However, these schemes did not seem to have much traction. Unemployment was a major concern for the electorate. Moreover, frequent leaks of examination papers for government jobs further eroded public trust and led to frustration among the youth and their families.

### The Modi magic

The most important factor was that the "Modi magic" appeared to have waned significantly. In the survey, when respondents were asked who they want as the Prime Minister after this Lok Sabha election, 36% said they wanted Rahul Gandhi and only 32% said that they would prefer Narendra Modi.

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Modi, Naidu and Pawan Kalyan in Vijayawada. ANI

Table 1: Social profile of the voters and party support (%)

| | TDP+ JSP | BJP | YSRCP | | TDP+ JSP | BJP | YSRCP |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Upper Castes | 27.8 | 5.6 | 55.6 | Other BCs | 43.3 | 14.3 | 35.7 |
| Reddy | 29.6 | 5.6 | 62 | Madiga | 52 | 4 | 44 |
| Kamma | 64 | 4 | 32 | Mala | 41.5 | 9.2 | 47.7 |
| Kapu | 47.2 | 15.1 | 28.3 | Other SCs | 38.5 | 11.5 | 46.2 |
| Golla and Kuruma | 47.5 | 3.4 | 44.1 | STs | 40.7 | 14.8 | 25.9 |
| Goud | 57.1 | 19 | 23.8 | Muslims | 32.4 | 4.2 | 53.5 |
| | | | | Christians | 33.3 | 3.7 | 55.6 |
| | | | | Others | 47.1 | 15.9 | 25.5 |

## A successful social alliance in Andhra

**E. Venkatesu**

The alliance of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the Jana Sena Party (JSP) won the elections in Andhra Pradesh. The leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the strategies of TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu and actor-turned politician Pawan Kayan, and the overwhelming support of the Backward Classes (BCs) and Kapus contributed to this win. The alliance won 21 Lok Sabha seats and 164 Assembly seats. The Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) of Jagan Mohan Reddy has been reduced to 11 seats in the Assembly and 4 seats in the Lok Sabha.

The social profile of the voters of the TDP allies and YSRCP is given in Table 1. The table shows that the TDP allies have got more than 60% of the vote share of the Gouds, Kammas, and Kapus; more than 50% of the vote share of Other BCs, Madigas, and Malas; and more than 30% of the vote share of the Christians, Muslims, the Reddy community, and upper castes. More than 50% of the Reddy community, Christians, upper castes, and Muslims voted for the YSRCP. More than 40% of the Malas, Other Scheduled Castes, Yadavs, and Madigas voted for the party, as did more than 30% of the other BCs, and more than 20% of the Kapus, Scheduled Tribes, and Gouds.

From the class point of view, four of the 10 of the poor, more than half of the lower middle class and middle class, and over six of every 10 of the rich voted for the TDP and its allies. In terms of age groups, the TDP alliance won more than half the votes of those below 25 and close to two-thirds of the votes of those in the 26-35 age group. More than half the voters in the older age group supported the TDP-led alliance. The TDP alliance performed better among men than women. It performed equally well in urban and rural areas.

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## Decoding the BJP's sweep in Odisha

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With its near-clean sweep in Odisha (20 out of 21 seats), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has finally managed to entrench itself in the eastern parts of the country. It also displaced the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) government, which ruled Odisha for nearly quarter of a century. There was a vacuum in the State due to the continuing decline of the Congress, which offered the BJP an opportunity to move in.

Sand artist Sudarsan Pattnaik congratulates Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his victory in Odisha. ANI

With its robust vote share of 45%, the BJP was able to attract most sections of the Odisha voters in substantial proportions. However, the BJD retained over 46% of the vote share in urban areas. This was a reversal of the 2019 elections when the BJP gained more in urban areas and the BJD in rural areas. This time, the BJP had an upper hand among rural voters. Its promise of providing ₹3,100 per quintal rice gave it a major boost. The growing discontent of the rural people towards the BJD organisation at the grassroots also contributed to the BJP's rise.

The BJD had invested significantly in women voters through self-help groups. The Lokniti-CSDS post-poll survey suggests that this didn't help the party much: the BJP got support from 43% of the women voters in comparison to the BJD's 39%. The BJP had greater support among men (47%) than women.

The BJP managed to garner greater support from upper castes and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), particularly "upper" OBCs. "Lower" OBCs were equally divided between the BJP and the BJD (48% each). Dalits and Adivasis were a little more fragmented three ways: the Congress received support from 16% of the Dalits and 23% of the Adivasis.

In sum, Odisha witnessed a complete political turnaround this time. Previously, despite voting in favour of the BJP for parliamentary seats, voters returned the BJD to power in the State. This time, though, the BJD was completely displaced from power. Besides a routine change of power that political competition ensures, the strident campaign of the BJP including its criticism about an 'outsider' controlling the State government seems to have worked. That criticism also helped the BJP create a narrative of 'Odia Asmita (self-pride)'. The outcome helped the BJP consolidate its all-India presence. It also helped the party avoid a more serious dent in its seat tally in Parliament.

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## The smart politics of the Trinamool

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Since its ascendance to power in West Bengal, the All India Trinamool Congress (AITC)'s crafting and implementation of different welfare schemes, especially those that are women-centric, has remained the hallmark of the party's politics. Of particular importance this time was the Lakshmir Bhandar scheme, which provides cash assistance of ₹500 and ₹1,000, respectively, to women of general and Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe categories aged 25 to 60 years. Just a few weeks before the Lok Sabha election, the amounts were enhanced to ₹1,000 and ₹1,200, respectively. This proved to be a game-changer.

Table 1: Vote share % of Trinamool and BJP among women and Muslims in the Lok Sabha elections

| | AITC | BJP |
|---|---|---|
| Women | 53 (+11)* | 33(-1) |
| Muslim | 73 (+13) | 7 (+4) |

*Figures in the parenthesis reflect change from the 2019 Lok Sabha election

The Trinamool increased its seat share and vote share this election. As Table 1 shows, this is largely due to a 10.6% increase in the vote share of women. Second, the charges of corruption levelled by the BJP proved to be an opportunity for the Trinamool to articulate Bengali regional aspirations. When the Central government allegedly stopped allocation of funds to some centrally sponsored schemes like MGNREGA due to the alleged corrupt practices of the Trinamool, the regional party took no time to label it as "BJP's *Bangla Birodhi* (anti-Bengal attitude)" and called to defeat the national party in the election.

Showcasing the issue of deprivation and opposing implementation of the Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019, in West Bengal gave the Trinamool enough electoral mileage vis-à-vis the BJP. The significant increase in the Trinamool's support base among Muslims may point to this (Table 1). The politics of the Trinamool comprising welfare schemes and the narrative of regional deprivation throws light on the new direction of subnational politics in India.

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Table 1: In Maharashtra, who voted for whom in the Lok Sabha elections? (%)

| Social group (overall vote share) | Congress (17) | Congress Allies (27) | BJP (26) | BJP Allies (17) | Others (13) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Rural | 16 | 32 | 23 | 13 | 15 |
| Urban | 18 | 19 | 30 | 24 | 09 |
| Upper Castes | 18 | 20 | 33 | 25 | 04 |
| Marathas* | 14 | 25 | 27 | 19 | 16 |
| OBCs | 11 | 28 | 33 | 17 | 11 |
| Dalits | 19 | 27 | 24 | 11 | 19 |
| Adivasis | 23 | 32 | 30 | 05 | 10 |
| Men | 17 | 29 | 26 | 18 | 10 |
| Women | 17 | 25 | 27 | 16 | 15 |
| Poor | 15 | 42 | 17 | 15 | 11 |
| Rich | 18 | 22 | 35 | 18 | 07 |

* includes Maratha-Kunbis

## A reality check in Maharashtra

**Rajeshwari Deshpande & Nitin Birmal**

Maharashtra played a big role in the Lok Sabha elections by upsetting the victory march of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) at the national level. The result marked a resurrection of the Congress in the State. But to what extent do these political upheavals change the social equations in Maharashtra? The answer prompted by the National Election Studies (NES) data is 'only partially'.

Let's recall that the manipulative strategies of the BJP had led to the splintering of the two main State-level political parties, the Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party. These strategies boomeranged for the BJP and not only created a dent in its seat tally (9 as against 23 in 2019 and 2014), but also killed its dream of becoming the new political hegemon in the State. In its meticulous planning of the electoral contests, the BJP had encouraged the two Shiv Senas to fight against each other. These contestations have resulted in a strange political consequence for the BJP.

Now, the BJP in Maharashtra is mainly an urban party in terms of its social support base. Yet it has completely lost control over the most important urban political and economic centres of the State in the Mumbai-Thane-Nashik region.

The BJP has similarly lost clout in the two comparatively backward regions of Vidarbha and Marathwada. Analysts of recent elections have suggested that the agrarian crisis (minimum support prices) and social crisis (Maratha reservations) affected the fate of the ruling coalition (Mahayuti) in these regions. However, our analysis of the NES data shows that despite its political decline, the ruling coalition has been able to retain its support among prominent social groups such as the Marathas and the Other Backward Classes. At the same time, there is an opening for the rival coalition to win sizeable support from both the Marathas and the OBCs.

The BJP still gets more support from the urban, rich, and upper caste citizens, but it has also been able to garner more than average support from tribal groups (Table 1). As per the NES data, the INDIA coalition mainly benefited from votes of the poor, Dalits, and Muslims (included in 'others').

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# BJP expands presence in T.N. but fails to force a major shift

With strong campaigning and outreach efforts, BJP made its presence felt in Tamil Nadu, yet it remains uncertain whether it can decisively alter the political landscape as it has not been able to consolidate support from any specific social group

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In the long run, the outcome of the Lok Sabha election in Tamil Nadu may have tremendous significance for the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) foray into the politics of the State. However, in the immediate context, there seems to be limited gain for the BJP in terms of seats.

For a State where politics has been strictly divided between the two Dravidian parties, the BJP's success this time represents a major shift.

The Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK)-led alliance managed a sweep with 39 seats, and this ensured that the BJP remained firmly away from a clear majority in the Lok Sabha. Thus, in a paradoxical outcome, Tamil Nadu both stalled the BJP and also opened up possibilities for it.

This achievement by the BJP was partly possible because the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) vacated the space to challenge the DMK-led coalition.

**Strong performance:** Tamil Nadu Chief Minister and DMK chief M.K.Stalin campaigning in Chennai. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Vote by caste/community

| | Voted for... | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Congress | DMK+ | BJP | BJP+ | AIADMK |
| Upper caste | 12 | 26 | 13 | 7 | 27 |
| OBCs | 10 | 28 | 13 | 8 | 15 |
| Dalits | 13 | 29 | 12 | 4 | 19 |
| Muslims | 25 | 47 | | | 29 |
| Christians | 12 | 28 | 18 | 3 | 20 |

**Note:** *Rest voted for other parties*

In its determination to breach the State's bipolarity, the BJP ensured that Prime Minister Narendra Modi would repeatedly visit the State and enhance the efforts of the State unit led by K. Annamalai. Over the past two years, Mr. Annamalai's "*En Mann En Makkal Yatra*" (My Land, My People Yatra) took the BJP across nearly every Assembly constituency.

**Wide outreach**

As the CSDS-Lokniti post-poll survey shows, during the campaign for the Lok Sabha election, the BJP aggressively reached out to voters through phone calls, text messages, social media.

Compared with other contesting parties, the BJP's outreach was the largest as reported by the respondents; more than 60% said they had been contacted by the BJP through social media and 46% said they were contacted through door-to-door campaign.

However, whether the BJP will be able to make a dent in the State's politics remains an open question because it has not been able to win over any particular social segment.

As of now, the post-poll survey suggests that the BJP's electoral support is spread uniformly across the upper castes, the OBCs, and Dalits.

With the help of its allies, including the Congress, the DMK has been able to retain a substantial chunk of all social sections in this election. In other words, despite its dramatic success in polling double-digit vote percentage, the BJP has not been able to force any drastic reconfiguration of social forces as yet.

It is possible that the BJP gained mainly through the slight erosion of the bipolarity of the State. It remains to be seen if the entry of the BJP ends the bipolar competition in the State or if the BJP gradually eases out the AIADMK and positions itself as a major player in State politics.

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# In threat to Cong., BJP gains from BRS loss in Telangana

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The decoupling of the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections in Telangana in 2018 has proved costly for the party that comes to power in the State elections.

In the 2024 Lok Sabha election, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) improved on its performance in the Assembly election, with more than a two-and-a-half times jump in its vote share.

This surge helped the BJP double its seats compared with the 2019 Lok Sabha election.

The inability of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) to recover from its defeat in the Assembly election in 2023 left the party performing poorly in the Lok Sabha election. Additionally, many important leaders who joined the BRS (earlier TRS) a decade ago left the party for greener pastures in the Congress and the BJP.

The vote share of the BRS dropped to 17% in the Lok Sabha election from 38% in the Assembly election last year.

How different caste/community voted in Telangana?

| | Congress | BJP | BRS | AIMIM | Others |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Upper caste | 29 | 53 | 16 | | 2 |
| OBC | 38 | 42 | 17 | | 4 |
| Scheduled Castes | 45 | 24 | 21 | | 11 |
| Scheduled Tribes | 58 | 29 | 9 | | 4 |
| Muslims | 33 | 4 | 11 | 42 | 11 |
| Others | 47 | 25 | 23 | | 5 |

**Note:** *All figures in per cent*

**The Bharat Rashtra Samithi seems to have strategically transferred its votes to the BJP in at least three Lok Sabha constituencies**

The BRS seems to have strategically transferred its votes to the BJP in at least three Lok Sabha constituencies.

**Massive shift**

According to the survey, there has been a massive shift in OBC (42%) and upper caste votes (53%) to the BJP.

There is a high probability that this vote shift has come from the BRS. If this trend continues, the BRS may face even more difficult times ahead.

This push by the BJP in Telangana is consistent with its focus on the Lok Sabha polls. Three of the eight MPs-elect from the BJP in Telangana are from the Backward Classes, four from the upper castes, and one from the Scheduled Tribes.

The Congress, on the other hand, was not able to consolidate its victory in the Assembly election and conceded space to the BJP in the Lok Sabha election.

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# Extraordinary ascendance of BJP in Madhya Pradesh

Yatindra Singh Sisodia

In an unprecedented victory, the BJP achieved a clean sweep in Madhya Pradesh, winning all seats in the State. The BJP's vote share soared to 59%, while the Congress lagged at 32%, a striking difference of nearly 27 points.

The BJP's campaign prominently showcased issues such as the consecration of the Ram Mandir, the abrogation of the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370, and a new wave of welfarism intertwined with cultural nationalism and majoritarianism. The party effectively capitalised on these themes.

The survey highlights that the BJP excelled in both rural and urban areas compared with the Congress. It also reveals the BJP's significant lead over the Congress among Hindu voters. In contrast, Muslims predominantly supported the Congress, with an 80-point lead over the BJP. The Congress also performed better among Hindu Dalit voters.

Vote by social demographics in 2024 Lok Sabha Election (%)

| | Congress | BJP | Others |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rural | 28 | 62 | 9 |
| Urban | 41 | 53 | 6 |
| Men | 31 | 59 | 10 |
| Women | 34 | 60 | 6 |
| Hindu upper caste | 20 | 72 | 8 |
| Hindu Upper OBCs | 28 | 63 | 9 |
| Hindu Lower OBCs | 23 | 71 | 6 |
| Hindu Dalits | 36 | 53 | 11 |
| Hindu Adivasis | 24 | 70 | 5 |
| Muslims | 86 | 6 | 8 |

**Note:** *Figures in per cent*

The BJP's victory can be attributed to a well-designed electoral campaign and a strategic focus on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's persona.

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# NDA holds ground in Bihar but vote share dips

Sanjeer Alam
Rakesh Ranjan

In a bipolar contest between the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and the Indian National Democratic, Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) in Bihar, the former performed quite well by securing about 47% of votes and 75% of seats (30 out of 40 seats). In a tough fight, the NDA managed to hold its ground.

Even so, it suffered a loss both in terms of vote and seat share as compared with the 2019 Lok Sabha election. Its vote share dipped by six percentage points, which translated into a loss of nine seats. Though the vote share of the Opposition INDIA bloc rose by six percentage points, it could add only eight more seats to what it had obtained in 2019. As a result, a huge gap in poll outcomes remained.

The post-poll survey data reveal that there was a great deal of optimism among voters.

Vote share by social background

| | NDA | Change from 2019 | INDIA | Change from 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Upper castes | 53 | -15 | 10 | +2 |
| Koeri+Kurmi | 67 | -12 | 19 | +9 |
| Yadav | 26 | +8 | 73 | +9 |
| Other OBCs | 54 | -21 | 14 | <1 |
| Dusadh/Pasi | 65 | -19 | 35 | +28 |
| Other SCs | 58 | -18 | 42 | +38 |
| Muslims | 12 | +6 | 87 | +7 |

**Note:** *In 2019, CPI(ML) was not part of INDIA (earlier UPA); RLMP and HAM(S) were part of UPA*

**The NDA suffered a loss both in terms of vote and seat share as compared with the 2019 Lok Sabha election**

For instance, about six in 10 (58%) respondents held that the financial condition of their households had improved during the past five years. Eight in 10 respondents said they were satisfied with their current financial condition.

About an equal number of respondents (79%) asserted that they had received free ration. All this helped shape a positive image of the ruling alliance among most voters.

**State or Centre?**

As many as two-thirds (64%) of the respondents expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the BJP-led NDA government at the Centre. In the view of a majority of respondents (59%), the BJP-led NDA government deserved another chance. However, and quite interestingly, when asked to differentiate which government's work – State or Union government – mattered more while deciding which party to vote for, about one-fourth (24%) of the respondents said that it was the work done by the State.

The number for the Centre was six percentage points less (18%).

This difference not only underscores the continued popularity of Nitish Kumar as an administrator but also his remarkable ability, as a politician, to take his supporters to whichever side of the political divide he chooses to work with.

Data indicate that the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD)-led alliance increased its vote share across the social spectrum.

However, its gain among the Scheduled Castes is impressive. This is despite the Lok Janshakti Party and the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) being on the other side.

Given the demographic weight of the SCs, this is indeed a significant gain for the Opposition alliance.

The NDA, powered by a positive rating of the so-called "double-engine" government, held its ground. The Opposition alliance failed to significantly enhance its seats. Yet, there is a silver lining to it. It appears to have significantly gained among the subgroups which have largely been voting for the NDA for almost two decades.

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## News

# 'Modi is a majoritarian PM who has to work without a majority'

The NDA today is a coalition of contradictions, says senior RJD leader; he says the parties of the INDIA bloc will impact the political arena more powerfully in the coming days as there has been a revival of the collective in politics; stressing that people from almost every community have voted for the RJD in Bihar, the Rajya Sabha MP says such social inclusiveness is part of the party's DNA

INTERVIEW

**Manoj K. Jha**

Sobhana K. Nair

The essential story of this election is that "Brand Modi" with its "teflon coating" of invincibility has been shattered, says Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader and Rajya Sabha MP Manoj K. Jha. He says the NDA today is a coalition of contradictions. Excerpts:

**The INDIA bloc and, especially, the RJD fell short of the target it had set for itself in Bihar. What went wrong?**

We were expecting at least 20 seats. Our seat tally is below our expectations and we will introspect. If you look closely there are eight to 10 seats that we lost by a margin of a few thousand votes. We need to compare the margin of our loss in 2024 with the 2019 data and therein lies the story. There may have been regional variations, there are certain regions where we have done extremely well and certain others where our performance was not up to mark. But in each region, our vote share has gone up and new communities have joined us. We are headed in the right direction and you will see the impact in the upcoming Assembly election in the State.

And you will appreciate, it was an unequal battle. We had one helicopter and there were days we weren't sure about fuel for the next day. Most of the candidates didn't have any money. People fought this election.

In 2019, we had only one seat and, today, the alliance has nine seats. But the essential story of this election is that Brand Modi with its teflon coating of invincibility has been shattered.

We won in spite of the vitriolic campaign run by BJP. The results, therefore, have to be seen in this context.

**Tejashwi Yadav at the beginning of the campaign coined the phrase "MY-BAAP" (Muslim, Yadav-Backward, *aadhi aabadi* (women), *agda* (forward caste) and the poor, in an effort to cast your net wider beyond your regular vote bank. Did you fail in this endeavour?**

SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

No, we did not fail. You might say we didn't succeed to the extent we expected. So far, booth-wise data are not available, but once the data come, they will illustrate that almost every community has voted for us. And let me tell you, Tejashwi Yadav is not going back from here. He is committed to this path. And that is why you will see, within the backward castes, new groups have been added to our vote base. We have fielded Dalit candidates in general seats. And these kinds of experiments were not done over a single night. This is going to be part of our DNA and our political strategy going ahead.

**Many are comparing the candidate selection of the RJD with that of Samajwadi Party. While the SP fielded only Yadav candidates in five out of the 62 seats they contested, nearly 40% of your candidates were Yadavs. Could you have stitched a better social coalition in terms of candidates?**

When success is not as per expectations, such analysis will be made. But you have to remember, the community you referred to has different strengths in Uttar Pradesh and different ones in Bihar. Then there is legacy too... that particular community has been part of our strategy together with other communities. I think this comparison has no merit. The fact of the matter is that in both States a larger social coalition was stitched. In U.P., it delivered better results. In Bihar, there have been regional variations, but in each of the constituencies we are on an upward swing. This shows we are relevant and we are going to impact the political arena much more powerfully in the coming days.

**What is the way forward for the INDIA bloc? Do you quietly sit out this term or do you work actively on dislodging the NDA government?**

No political party can sit quietly and wait for things to happen in the natural course. We won't sit quietly because we believe this is a coalition of contradictions. Mr. Narendra Modi is a majoritarian Prime Minister who today has to work without a majority. Can he really contain his majoritarian streak? This will decide the future course of action, not only for us but even for the ones supporting him. The two dominant supporting partners of the government – Chandrababu Naidu and Nitish Kumar – do not share the Prime Minister's communal vision. They don't believe in destroying institutions or in vendetta politics. In the past 10 years, we have seen that these are the pillars on which BJP was built by Mr. Modi and Mr. Amit Shah. Also, I am very glad that the BJP is now talking about "NDA", which had disappeared from their lexicon in the past 10 years. And now it is no longer "Modi *sarkar*" but "NDA *sarkar*". This is a paradigm shift. This is a revival of the collective in politics, which is exactly what we had been campaigning for. Democracies should never be about an individual.

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## President invites Modi to form government

Claiming that NDA partners were all known for good governance, he noted that the alliance was forming a government at the Centre at a time when its members were also in power in 22 States.

Mr. Modi took potshots at the Congress, pointing out that even after 10 years in the Opposition, the party had not managed to reach a hundred seats. He said that the Opposition had made every attempt to paint the NDA's election victory as a loss but insisted that impression could not be created.

After the NDA meeting, senior leaders of the alliance got into a huddle with BJP president J.P. Nadda, and senior BJP leaders Mr. Shah and Mr. Singh to discuss the allocation of portfolios and Ministries.

Mr. Modi said that his swearing-in would be held on June 9, alongside his new Council of Ministers and promised that, as in the past, the new government too would serve the people.

The swearing-in will be attended by the leaders of neighbouring countries, including Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremasinghe, Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay, and Nepali Prime Minister Pushpa Kumar Dahal "Prachanda".

## RBI keeps repo rate unchanged at 6.5%

"These decisions are in consonance with the objective of achieving the medium-term target for consumer price index (CPI) inflation of 4% within a band of +/- 2% while supporting growth," RBI governor Shaktikanta Das said after the meeting.

Mr. Das, along with MPC members Shashanka Bhide, Rajiv Ranjan, and Michael Debabrata Patra voted to keep the policy repo rate unchanged at 6.5% and to remain focused on the withdrawal of accommodation, while their colleagues Ashima Goyal and Jayanth R. Varma voted to reduce the policy repo rate by 25 basis points and for a change in stance to neutral.

"There were signs of a more divided policy committee, with one additional member voting for a softening in stance as well as policy direction. The majority retained their cautious stance to guide inflation towards the 4% target on a durable basis, despite recent signs of disinflation," said Radhika Rao, Executive Director and Senior Economist, DBS Bank, commenting on the decision.

**Higher growth forecast**

According to the MPC, high-frequency indicators of domestic activity are showing resilience in 2024-25. The south-west monsoon is expected to be above normal, which augurs well for agriculture and rural demand but headwinds from geopolitical tensions, volatility in international commodity prices, and geoeconomic fragmentation pose risks to the outlook.

Taking various factors into consideration, real GDP growth for 2024-25 was projected at 7.2% as compared with the earlier projection of 7%, with the first quarter (Q1) growth estimate at 7.3%; Q2 at 7.2%; Q3 at 7.3%; and Q4 at 7.2%. The risks are evenly balanced.

Emphasising that inflation has seen sequential moderation since February 2024, albeit in a narrow range from 5.1% in February to 4.8% in April 2024, the RBI Governor said that food inflation, however, remains elevated.

Taking various factors into account, CPI inflation for 2024-25 is projected at 4.5%, with Q1 at 4.9%; Q2 at 3.8%; Q3 at 4.6%; and Q4 at 4.5%.

# Modi lays stress on consensus at NDA meet

JD(U) leader Nitish Kumar promises unswerving support for Modi, says he believes everything Bihar requires will be done; TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu acknowledges the role of BJP leaders in Andhra Pradesh victory; Maharashtra CM Eknath Shinde hails 'Fevicol Bond' between Sena and BJP

**Nistula Hebbar**
NEW DELHI

The spirit of an alliance government taking its place after 10 years of a single-party majority regime was very much in evidence at the National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) Parliamentary Party meeting held on Friday to elect Narendra Modi as its leader.

The proceedings kicked off with a grand welcome for Mr. Modi who was greeted and garlanded by NDA MPs and alliance party leaders, many of whom shared the main dais with him at the head of the Central Hall of the Old Parliament House (Samvidhan Sadan).

In his address to the MPs and leaders, Mr. Modi emphasised that he would strive to ensure "*sarvamat*" or consensus in all decisions of his next government, and said that the NDA wasn't just an agglomeration of parties but a grouping of those who put the nation first and were known, in the 22 States governed by these parties, for good governance. "If we look at it in terms of numbers in the history of coalitions, this is the strongest coalition government," he said.

He also recalled stalwarts of the old NDA under former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, such as socialist leaders Sharad Yadav and George Fernandes, for their crucial contributions.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister-elect N. Chandrababu Naidu, whose Telugu Desam Party (TDP) is the largest ally of the BJP in the NDA, also spoke on the theme, taking the time to acknowledge the effect of the joint campaign that the BJP, Jana Sena Party and the TDP undertook to gain the mandate in that State. "Home Minister [Amit Shah] came and addressed one meeting – a powerful meeting which made a big difference. Even Rajnath Singh*ji*, Nadda*ji* [BJP chief J.P. Nadda] and so many other leaders had come and addressed meetings which gave confidence to people that the Centre is with the State," he said.

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, leader of the Janata Dal (United), the third largest party in the alliance, and known to change sides, made it a point to address the elephant in the room. "I will be with the PM at all times," he said, adding that his party was offering unswerving support to Mr. Modi. "We are assured that everything Bihar requires will be done and it is the Prime Minister who has served the country, and others who are making noises haven't done anything," he said.

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde invoked late Shiv Sena leader Balasaheb Thackeray during his speech to underline the importance of the Sena-BJP alliance, considered one of the oldest in the NDA, which has continued in a modified form after the former's split. "What I will say is that the Sena-BJP alliance was forged by Balasaheb Thackeray based on a common ideology and it is a 'Fevicol Bond' that will not break," he said.

**Grand start:** BJP leaders Rajnath Singh, J.P. Nadda, Narendra Modi and Amit Shah, with Chandrababu Naidu, Nitish Kumar and Pawan Kalyan at NDA's Parliament Party meeting on Friday. BJP

## Modi meets Advani, Murli Manohar Joshi

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi met BJP veterans L.K. Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi at their residences on Friday.

He visited Mr. Advani soon after being chosen as leader of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Parliamentary party, leader of the BJP Parliamentary party, and leader of the BJP in the Lok Sabha. Then, he went to the residence of Mr. Joshi, a former BJP president. "Went to Advani ji's residence and sought his blessings. Every @BJP4India karyakarta is inspired by Advani ji's monumental efforts to strengthen the party," Mr. Modi later said in a post on X. "Called on Dr. Murli Manohar Joshi ji. I have learnt so much from him," he said.

## Parliament security breach: Delhi Police file chargesheet

**Ishita Mishra**
NEW DELHI

Almost six months after six people were jailed under terror charges for breaching the security at the new Parliament building, the Delhi Police have filed a 1,800-page-long chargesheet against the suspects in a city court on Friday.

Special Public Prosecutor (SPP) Akhand Pratap Singh, who appeared for the Delhi Police, submitted before the Additional Sessions Judge Hardeep Kaur of the Patiala House Court that sanction for prosecution under Section 13 of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) is awaited from the Centre; a supplementary chargesheet for the same will be filed by the police within two weeks.

Taking note of the submissions, the court listed the matter for filing of the supplementary chargesheet on July 15. The court extended the judicial custody of all the six accused till July 15.

A government source told *The Hindu* that no political party or terrorist organisation has been named in the chargesheet. The accused wanted to draw attention and "make their presence felt", the source said, quoting the document.

"Their protest was under the garb of anger against unemployment, farmers' protest to name a few issues. They had a political motive. Though their affiliation to any political party is not mentioned in the chargesheet," the source said.

Delhi Lieutenant Governor V.K. Saxena accorded sanction to prosecute the six persons under sections 16 and 19 of the UAPA on Thursday.

## Parliament statues were moved to deny Opposition a place to protest: Congress

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The statues of Mahatma Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar, and Chhatrapati Shivaji, among others, have been relocated within the Parliament complex to ensure that Opposition parties cannot hold democratic protests, the Congress alleged on Friday.

Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh, in a post on X, said that such "stunts" cannot save Narendra Modi's "unstable government from falling".

Mr. Ramesh also dismissed the Lok Sabha Secretariat's explanation for relocating the statues as "wholly bogus" and said that it was a unilateral move, carried out without consulting any political party.

On Thursday, the Lok Sabha Secretariat said that the statues were being relocated to a specially designated place within the complex so that it would be convenient for visitors to see them.

"For this reason, all these statues are being respectfully installed in a grand 'Prerna Sthal' in Parliament House premises. This 'Prerna Sthal' is being developed in such a way that the visitors coming to visit the Parliament complex view the statues of these great persons conveniently and get inspired by their life experiences," the statement said.

It added that the complex came under the Speaker's jurisdiction and that statues had been shifted inside the complex with the Speaker's permission earlier as well.

The statue of Chhatrapati Shivaji being relocated within the Parliament premises as part of the redevelopment project. PTI

## Congress Parliamentary Party to elect leader today

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress Parliamentary Party (CPP) that will comprise the newly elected Lok Sabha members and Rajya Sabha members will meet on Saturday to elect its leader.

Currently, the CPP is headed by Sonia Gandhi, who has now moved to the Rajya Sabha after deciding not to contest from her traditional Rae Bareli seat in Uttar Pradesh.

Apart from re-electing Ms. Gandhi to head the Parliamentary Party, senior leaders are likely to press for Rahul Gandhi to accept the position of the Leader of the Opposition (LoP).

Sources indicated that newly elected MPs like K.C. Venugopal, Gaurav Gogoi, and Manickam Tagore among others may press for such a move.

## Beware of BJP's tactics, Aaditya warns TDP, JD(U)

**Abhinay Deshpande**
MUMBAI

Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and the Janata Dal (United), parties essential for the next government at the Centre, should demand the Lok Sabha Speaker post, suggested Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Aaditya Thackeray on Friday.

He warned that once the BJP formed the government, it would attempt to destabilise its allies. He alluded to the splits orchestrated within the Shiv Sena and the Nationalist Congress Party. "Having experienced the tactics of the BJP, the minute they form government with you, they will break the promises and try to break your parties too. You'll have experienced it earlier." "A humble suggestion to the possible allies of the BJP in the newly remembered NDA. Get the post of the Speaker," he said on X.

## Sheikh Hasina to be first of foreign leaders to arrive for Modi's swearing-in

**Suhasini Haidar**
NEW DELHI

Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina will arrive in Delhi on Saturday, the first of the foreign dignitaries from the neighbourhood invited by Narendra Modi to attend his swearing-in on Sunday evening.

According to sources, Ms. Hasina, who is due to land around noon, will arrive a day earlier than the rest, as Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe and Bhutanese Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay will arrive on Sunday morning and Nepal's Prime Minister P.K. Dahal "Prachanda" later in the day. Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu is also expected to attend the swearing-in, accompanied by a large delegation including senior Ministers.

The decision to invite leaders of regional countries mirrors Mr. Modi's outreach to South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) countries in 2014 and the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) countries in 2019.

Sheikh Hasina

This time, officials say the government is focusing on India's close "neighbours and the Indian Ocean Region", with invitations being extended to leaders of countries like Maldives, Seychelles and Mauritius as well as Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Sri Lanka, who were invited both the previous times.

However, leaders of Pakistan and Afghanistan were only invited in 2014, and ties with both countries have subsequently deteriorated over a number of issues. All the leaders will attend the swearing-in on Sunday evening at the Rashtrapati Bhavan forecourt, and the subsequent reception.

For Monday, officials are working on schedules for call-ons by the External Affairs Minister and bilateral meetings with Mr. Modi and the visiting dignitaries.

**Packed schedule**

The new government will also have a packed foreign travel agenda in the weeks ahead, with Mr. Modi expected to fly to Italy to attend the G-7 outreach being hosted by Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni on June 13-14. He will also meet U.S. President Joe Biden, and leaders of the U.K., France, Germany, Canada, European Union and Japan at the event.

According to officials, Mr. Modi would not accept the invitation from Switzerland to attend the peace summit on June 14 but India will participate at a "senior" level.

Then, Mr. Modi will be in Kazakhstan on July 3-4 for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Astana, due to be attended by Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, and leaders from Central Asia, Turkey and Iran. All eyes will also be on this summit where Mr. Modi will make his first bilateral visit abroad in his third term; in 2014, he travelled to Bhutan and Nepal, and in 2019, to Maldives and Sri Lanka.

As *The Hindu* had reported earlier this week, Ms. Hasina, who was re-elected in January has been keen to schedule her visit to Delhi as her first destination abroad, before travelling to Beijing in July.

## Plea in SC seeks probe into post-poll market crash

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

A lawyer has filed an application in the Supreme Court seeking directions to the Centre and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to submit a report on the allegations of the stock market crash and loss to investors after the Lok Sabha election results.

Vishal Tiwari, the applicant, linked it to the Adani-Hindenberg case. He has asked for the SEBI investigation report into the Adani-Hindenberg case to be made public, saying citizens have a right to know.

Pointing to how the apex court had, in the Adani-Hindenberg case, highlighted the need for a foolproof regulatory framework to protect investors, the lawyer said the significant fall in the stock market and the reported loss of crores showed "nothing has changed".

## 200 evacuated from Manipur's Jiribam district amid tension

**Abhinay Lakshman**
NEW DELHI

**Protest erupts after body of missing Meitei man is found; armed men attack Kuki-Zo villages**

About 200 civilians, mostly from the Meitei community and some from the Kuki-Zo community, were evacuated from their homes in Jiribam district of Manipur and moved to a camp for internally displaced persons over the last two days after violence broke out in the wake of locals discovering the body of a Meitei man who had gone missing weeks ago.

Soon after the body was found, civil society organisations (CSOs) reported that locals had started a protest in front of the Jiribam police station, demanding that they be allowed to protect themselves with arms. With tensions rising, the Jiribam District Magistrate imposed Section 144 in the district, upon receiving a request from the Superintendent of Police.

What followed on Thursday night, Kuki-Zo CSOs said, was an attack on Uchathol Hmar Veng, Vengnuam Paite Veng and Songkoveng, three Kuki-Zo villages in Jiribam district where a church was burnt down and homes vandalised.

The Kuki Inpi Manipur and other Kuki-Zo youth bodies issued statements condemning the killing of the Meitei man, who was identified by locals as Soibam Saratkumar Singh. They, however, added that suspected Meitei radicals had then allegedly attacked their villages despite the identity of Mr. Singh's killers being unknown.

## INBRIEF

### Don't see myself contesting another LS election: Tharoor

Senior Congress leader Shashi Tharoor on Friday said if the next Lok Sabha polls take place five years down the line, he does not see himself contesting another election for the Lower House as he believes that one needs to know when to step aside for the younger blood to come in. Mr. Tharoor added that for now, there are five years to serve and he is determined to do his best for the people he represents during that time. In Kerala's Thiruvananthapuram Lok Sabha seat, Mr. Tharoor beat Union Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology Rajeev Chandrasekhar by 16,077 votes to register his fourth-straight victory from the constituency. PTI

### Delhi court denies bail to Kejriwal aide for second time

A Delhi court on Friday dismissed the second bail plea moved by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's aide Bibhav Kumar, who was arrested by the police on May 18 for allegedly assaulting Aam Aadmi Party Rajya Sabha member Swati Maliwal. The court noted that the victim was fearful regarding her safety and security, and that she also had apprehensions that Mr. Kumar would influence witnesses, if he was released on bail. The court also said the injuries suffered by the victim were apparent as per the medico-legal certificate, and the allegations levelled against Mr. Kumar were serious in nature. It had rejected Mr. Kumar's first regular bail plea on May 27.

### CISF constable booked for 'slapping' Kangana Ranaut

The Punjab Police on Friday registered a case against constable Kulwinder Kaur of the Central Industrial Security Force for allegedly slapping MP-elect and actor Kangana Ranaut at the Chandigarh airport. Ms. Ranaut, who got elected as BJP MP from Mandi Lok Sabha seat in Himachal Pradesh, alleged that she was slapped by the accused on June 6. The constable, who has been suspended, was apparently upset over the actor's stance on the year-long farmers' protests. While Samyukta Kisan Morcha (Non-Political) and the Kisan Mazdoor Morcha stood in support of the constable, BJP's Punjab unit termed the incident as most unfortunate.

### Court sends man posing as extremist to judicial custody

An Agra court on Friday sent a person to judicial custody for allegedly inciting communal tension. The police had detained Dhirendra Raghav for making a video that showed him abusing one community while pretending to be an extremist. "A video which could disturb communal harmony, posted on Instagram, came to our notice. The New Agra Police Station team took the accused into custody and presented him in court which sent him to judicial custody," said Suraj Kumar Rai, Deputy Commissioner of Police City, Agra. Fact-checker Mohammed Zubair had flagged the video on Friday, tagging senior officials of the Uttar Pradesh Police.

# 2 cattle transporters killed in 'mob attack' in Chhattisgarh

**The families of the victims, all from Uttar Pradesh, said the attack took place at Arang near Raipur; the police are waiting to record the statement of a man who is in hospital with serious injuries**

**Shubhomoy Sikdar**
RAIPUR

Two cattle transporters were killed and another was injured after allegedly being attacked by a mob at Arang near the Chhattisgarh capital of Raipur in the early hours of Friday.

The deceased were identified as Guddu Khan and Chand Miya Khan. The injured, Saddam Qureshi, has been admitted to a hospital. All three are from Uttar Pradesh

With Mr. Qureshi injured and unable to provide a statement till late on Friday evening, the sequence of events remained unclear, the police said. The families of the victims claimed that the three men had been attacked by a mob.

Shoaib, a relative who had come to visit Mr. Qureshi at the Raipur Hospital, said a mob had attacked the three men. He mentioned two calls - one that he received from Chand while another that his friend Mohsin got from Mr. Qureshi - to suggest that they were assaulted for nearly two hours.

The truck was on its way to Raipur from Mahasamund district in Chhattisgarh. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**'Pleading for help'**

"Around 1.45 a.m., I got a call from Chand. It was a brief one where he said that he was being attacked by some people. He said the tyre of their vehicle had gone flat. But before he could provide any details, the call was disconnected. I suspect the attackers must have snatched his phone. I tried calling back Chand but the calls went unanswered," Mr. Shoaib said.

"In the second call with Mohsin that was received an hour later, and lasted 57 minutes, Saddam could be heard saying that his limbs were broken. He was pleading with the attackers to spare him. I was with Mohsin when he received the call. It seemed Saddam had put the phone in his pocket but had not disconnected it. We heard him continuously asking for water," Mr. Shoaib said.

A senior police officer said the incident took place between 2 a.m. and 3 a.m. when the three were heading towards Raipur from Mahasamund district.

"We received information on the helpline that they were being chased by some people after which they were found lying below the Mahanadi bridge. While one of them died, the other two were rushed to a hospital in Mahasamund where another person died. The third person is in a serious condition and is being treated in a hospital in Raipur city and is not in a condition to give his statement," said Kirtan Rathore, Additional Superintendent of Police.

Police said they are investigating how the men fell from the bridge.

# 4 medical students from Maharashtra drown in Russia

**Two bodies were recovered from the Volkhov river, while a fifth member of the group survived**

**Purnima Sah**
MUMBAI

Four medical students from Maharashtra studying at Yaroslav-the-Wise Novgorod State University in Russia drowned in the Volkhov river.

The External Affairs Ministry said the unfortunate incident took place while the students were on an outing in Veliky Novgorod city.

A fifth member of the group, a girl student, survived and is undergoing medical care. All the students were in the 18-20 age group.

The local emergency services in Russia have recovered two bodies and are searching for two more.

The deceased were identified as Harshal Anantrao Desale from Bhadgaon in Jalgaon district; siblings Jishan Ashpak Pinjari and Jia Firoj Pinjari from Amalner in Jalgaon; and Malik Gulamgous Mohammad Yakub from Mumbai. The survivor is Nisha Bhupesh Sonawane from Pune.

The Ministry in an official release on Friday said, "Our Consulate in St. Petersburg remains in contact with the university and local authorities. Local emergency services have so far recovered two bodies from Volkhov river."

"We offer our condolences to the families. The search for the remaining two missing students continues. The five students involved in the accident belong to the Jalgaon district of Maharashtra. Our Consulate in St. Petersburg is coordinating with local authorities for the repatriation of the mortal remains. The Consulate continues to be in contact with the families and the district administration in Jalgaon, Maharashtra," the Ministry stated.

# At 38%, Trinamool Congress sent highest proportion of women to LS in 2024 polls

**Moyurie Som**
KOLKATA

Amid a drop in the number of women elected to the Lok Sabha this time, the Trinamool Congress can boast of being the party with the highest percentage of woman MPs. Thirty-eight per cent of the newly elected Trinamool MPs are women, the highest among any political outfit in the country, according to data analysed by the Association of Democratic Reforms (ADR).

The 18th Lok Sabha will have 74 woman MPs, down from 77 in the last term.

**11 out of 12 won**

The woman candidates of the Trinamool have delivered a high success rate in this Lok Sabha election. Of the 12 women fielded by the party this year, 11 won the electoral contest. Only in Bishnupur, the Trinamool's Sujata Mondal lost to the BJP's Saumitra Khan by 5,567 votes.

The woman MPs-elect from the Trinamool are Saayoni Ghosh from Jadavpur, Rachana Banerjee from Hooghly, Satabdi Roy from Birbhum, Mahua Moitra from Krishnanagar, June Maliah from Midnapore, Sharmila Sarkar from Bardhaman Purba, Kakoli Ghosh Dastidar from Barasat, Sajda Ahmed from Uluberia, Mala Roy from Kolkata Dakshin, Mitali Bag from Arambagh, and Pratima Mondal from Joynagar.

Mahua Moitra

**90% crorepatis**

Notably, 90% of the winning candidates from West Bengal are *crorepatis*. The Trinamool's Shatrughan Sinha, who won from Asansol, declared the highest total assets among all winning candidates in West Bengal, pegged at over ₹210 crore. As many as 27 of the 29 Trinamool MPs, including Mr. Sinha, are self-declared *crorepatis*.

More than half of the newly elected MPs from West Bengal have declared criminal cases against them, according to information gathered by the ADR from the affidavits of the candidates. Seven of them across political affiliations face charges of serious criminal offences, namely murder, attempt to murder, and crimes against women.

"The percentage of tainted candidates has been increasing among MPs elected from West Bengal," noted Ujjaini Halim, State coordinator of West Bengal Election Watch, an initiative supported by the ADR. She said in 2009, there were seven (17%) MPs with criminal record (out of 42), which went up to eight (19%) in 2014, and 23 (55%) in 2019. In 2024, there are 22 (52%) MPs-elect with criminal record.

# SC-monitored probe needed into NEET 'irregularities': Cong.

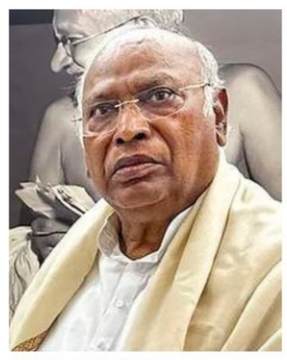
**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Congress on Friday demanded a high-level probe under the Supreme Court's supervision into "irregularities" in the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET) for medical courses and accused the BJP of cheating youth and playing with their future.

"We demand that a high-level investigation be conducted under the supervision of the Supreme Court so that our talented students appearing in NEET and other exams get justice," Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said in a post on X.

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also slammed the Narendra Modi government over the alleged irregularities and called for resolving the students' "legitimate complaints" through an investigation.

"First the NEET exam paper was leaked and now the students allege that there has been a scam in its results as well. Serious questions are being raised on six students of the same centre getting 720 out of 720 marks and many kinds of irregularities are coming to the fore. Why is the government ignoring the voice of lakhs of students? Students want answers to legitimate questions related to the rigging in the NEET exam results," Ms. Vadra said on X.



Mallikarjun Kharge

The National Testing Agency has denied the accusations and said the changes made in National Council of Educational Research and Training textbooks and grace marks for losing time at examination centres were behind students scoring higher marks.

# Unnao rape case: court rejects ex-BJP leader's plea

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Friday refused to suspend the 10-year jail term awarded to expelled Bharatiya Janata Party leader Kuldeep Singh Sengar for the custodial death of the Unnao rape victim's father.

Sengar sought suspension of his sentence on the ground that he had already served almost six years and the prosecution's case against him was solely based on circumstantial evidence. The court noted that the accused had been convicted of raping the minor daughter of the deceased man and sentenced to imprisonment for the remainder of his life in that case.

On March 13, 2020, Sengar was sentenced to 10 years rigorous imprisonment, besides a fine of ₹10 lakh, in the case of death of the rape victim's father in custody. The girl's father was arrested at the behest of Sengar under the Arms Act and had died in custody on April 9, 2018, owing to police brutality.

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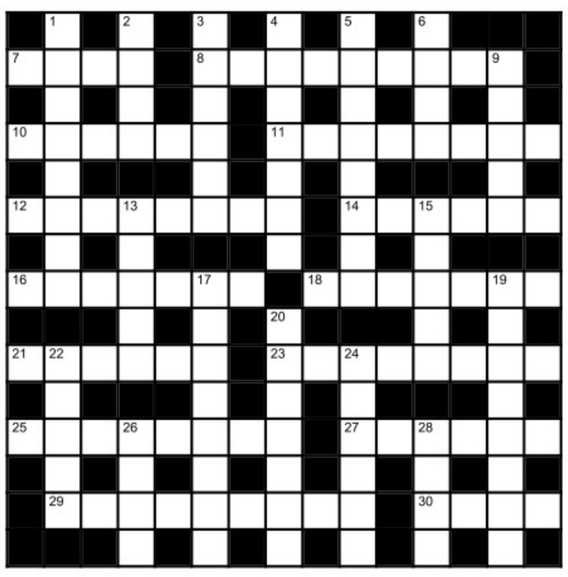

**Across**

**7** In a crash, rhino loses one pointed body part (4)
**8** Naval manoeuvres during a revolutionary's huge downfall in the mountains (9)
**10** Hold a batch of eggs (6)
**11** Reputedly unlucky number... except when you shop at a baker's (8)
**12** Roman fighter not happy following Egyptian god by starting to duel for heat exchange device (8)
**14** Ahead on winding road going around north west (6)
**16** Sets right on redevelopment of Paris (7)
**18** Cafe confrontation (4,3)
**21** South American toiled has new bar (6)
**23** Unnecessary pointer on ship (8)
**25** Perhaps, 15 found inside controlling direction of movement (8)
**27** Large bar in front of or behind vehicle (6)
**29** Father catches, with a request for silence, snake right in control panel (9)
**30** O' Governor, do as asked (4)

**Down**

**1** When travelling, all get to pay here for using the road (8)
**2** Tie knight on operating table (4)
**3** Chinese entrepreneur at first sat around producing small pouch (6)
**4** Successful assault on powerful equipment? (7)
**5** Guy rocking boat carrying setter in Canadian province (8)
**6** Northerner's duck, without hesitation (4)
**9** Middle-Eastern ruler's fit to leave free time exercises (5)
**13** State, "I had returned egg" (5)
**15** Revolutionary invention with CAD (5)
**17** I'm in Bern, wrongly producing Chinese currency (8)
**19** For example, zip rapidly in front of English queen (8)
**20** English magi move mysteriously at start of show to show mysteries (7)
**22** Giddy cadet pretended (5)
**24** Implants pre-assembled setting after pearls are lost (6)
**26** Orient each street (4)
**28** Catcall from setter accompanied by a cry of pain (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to previous puzzle**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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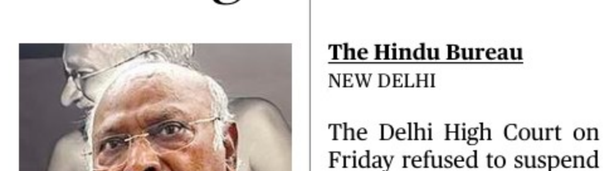


## FAITH

### Lord of Thirukkovalur

The word Maghavan, used in the eleventh mantra of the Apratiratha Sukta, refers to Lord Narayana, said V.S. Karunakaracharier in a discourse. One interpretation of Maghavan is One who delights in His leelas. The divine kshetra of Thirukkovalur in Tamil Nadu, praised in the Divya Prabandham, can be seen in this context. The eleventh mantra talks of weapons, which can be inferred as referring to those of Mahavishnu. Thirukkovalur is the place where the first three Azhwars met. In the cramped space that the Azhwars were in, they could sense yet another person, which was none other than the Lord.

Usually, Vishnu holds the chakra in the right and the conch in the left hand, and Vishnu icons also reflect this. But Lord Trivikrama of Thirukkovalur holds the conch in the right hand and the chakra in the left. Vedanta Desika wrote a work called Dehaleesa Stuti in praise of the Thirukkovalur deity. Desika explains the reason for this reversal. An impression of the chakra and the conch are to be placed on the right and left shoulders, respectively, as part of a person's initiation into Sri Vaishnavism. Desika says it was to facilitate this that Trivikrama holds the weapons differently.

Desika refers to the Lord's leela of wiping out the sins of devotees.

## INBRIEF

### 'Expect commercial vehicle volumes to dip 4-7% this fiscal'

Hit by a high base of last year and weakness in demand, the domestic commercial vehicle industry is expected to witness a dip of 4-7% in wholesale volumes in the current fiscal compared with FY23, rating agency Icra said. The medium and heavy commercial vehicle (trucks) volumes are expected to contract by 4-7% year-on-year given the high base effect and the impact of the Lok Sabha polls on infrastructure activities in the first few months. PTI

### TVS Motor to inspect, rectify select iQube e-2-wheelers

TVS Motor Company (TVSM) will proactively inspect a select set of its electric two-wheelers iQube to ensure hassle-free experience for its customers. The company will inspect the bridge tubes of iQube manufactured between July 10 and September 9, 2023 to ensure the vehicle's ride handling was good over extended usage, the company said. TVSM will also carry out any rectification, if required, of the affected scooters at zero cost to the customer.

### 'Insurance e-marketplace Bima Sugam phase 1 likely Apr. 2025'

The first phase of Bima Sugam is expected to be unveiled around April 2025, IRDAI Chairman Debasish Panda told a meeting that reviewed the electronic marketplace project mooted by the regulator to make insurance more accessible, affordable and user-friendly. Significant progress was reported and filing formalities for the entity that is to be incorporated as a Section 8 (non-profit) company, Bima Sugam India Federation, have been completed.

# RBI raising GDP view 'augurs well': StanChart's Daruwala

However, the slight revision in GDP growth forecast to 7.2% is still lower than BoB's forecast of 7.3-7.4% for FY25, says the bank's chief economist Madan Sabnavis; 'rate cuts likely in October'

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The RBI's upward revision of its FY25 GDP growth estimate to 7.2% was encouraging, said Zarin Daruwala, CEO, India and South Asia, Standard Chartered Bank.

"RBI's optimism on rural consumption boosts the basis for the forecast of an above-normal monsoon, augurs well for the agricultural sector and the overall rural economy. Its focus on inflation may give it room for rate cuts in the coming months," she said.

**Comfort zone:** Improvement in growth projections of RBI is positive for the markets, says IBA's Rao. PTI

M. V. Rao, Chairman, Indian Banks' Association and MD & CEO, Central Bank of India said, "Improvement in growth projections of RBI is positive for the markets."

Madan Sabnavis, chief economist, Bank of Baroda said the revision in GDP forecast to 7.2% was still lower than BoB's 7.3-7.4% growth outlook for FY25.

**'Data driven'**

"While inflation is to average 4.5% for the year, there is concern on food inflation. But with growth being secure, it gives RBI room to not commence rate cuts now," he said.

"Our view is October can be the time when rate cut can be considered but will be fully data driven."

# Sensex climbs 2.2% to record after RBI lifts GDP forecast

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

The S&P BSE Sensex surged on Friday to a new record closing high in the wake of the RBI raising its GDP growth forecast for FY25 to 7.2%.

The 30-share Sensex gained 1,618.85 points, or 2.16%, to 76,693.36 supported by auto, technology and metal stocks. The previous all-time closing high was witnessed on June 3, when stocks surged following exit poll predictions that gave the BJP a robust majority. However, the actual results on June 4 that belied the polls triggered a sharp sell-off which saw the benchmark tumble almost 6%.

The top Sensex gainers on Friday included M&M (5.83%), Wipro (5.09%), Tech Mahindra (4.5%), Infosys (4.13%) and Tata Steel (4.04%).

The NSE Nifty-50 index too advanced 2.05% to 23,290.15, a record close.

**'Positive cues'**

"The market picked up positive cues from the RBI MPC meeting where the committee revised the GDP growth forecast upwards underpinned by a resilient global economy, rural demand improvement, healthy capacity utilisation levels at industries, and robust business optimism," said Avdhut Bagkar, Technical and Derivatives Analyst, StoxBox.

Sectorally, all 13 indices were in the green with auto, IT, metal and oil & gas stocks rising the most.

## MARKETS

### MARKET WATCH

| | FRIDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 76,693 | 2.16 |
| US Dollar | 83.40 | 0.16 |
| Gold | 73,650 | 0.20 |
| Brent oil | 79.82 | -0.05 |

### NIFTY 50

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3219.55 | 33.90 |
| Adani Ports | 1378.85 | 25.90 |
| Apollo Hosp | 6014.55 | 52.55 |
| Asian Paints | 2927.70 | 22.90 |
| Axis Bank | 1186.80 | 15.85 |
| Bajaj Auto | 9725.55 | 24.10 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1567.70 | 41.25 |
| Bajaj Finance | 7191.40 | 265.60 |
| Bharti Airtel | 1425.25 | 54.65 |
| BPCL | 599.80 | 15.65 |
| Britannia Ind | 5463.55 | 23.10 |
| Cipla | 1497.25 | 20.25 |
| Coal India | 479.15 | 6.20 |
| Divis Lab | 4524.05 | 75.15 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 6061.30 | 170.35 |
| Eicher Motors | 4762.00 | 42.25 |
| Grasim Ind | 2379.85 | 45.10 |
| HCL Tech | 1431.50 | 34.00 |
| HDFC Bank | 1573.35 | 13.65 |
| HDFC Life | 562.95 | 7.70 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 5581.85 | 47.60 |
| Hindalco | 680.35 | 2.85 |
| Hind Unilever | 2577.80 | 28.20 |
| ICICI Bank | 1121.70 | 11.30 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1492.10 | 11.00 |
| Infosys | 1533.60 | 61.35 |
| ITC | 439.15 | 3.75 |
| JSW Steel | 912.15 | 24.05 |
| Kotak Bank | 1753.70 | 19.00 |
| L&T | 3532.50 | 49.95 |
| LTIMindtree Ltd. | 4977.20 | 176.95 |
| M&M | 2857.45 | 157.60 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 12810.90 | 137.40 |
| NestleIndia | 2502.45 | 31.05 |
| NTPC | 360.60 | 10.85 |
| ONGC | 260.40 | 8.10 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 309.35 | 8.90 |
| Reliance Ind | 2939.90 | 76.70 |
| SBI Life | 1425.85 | -17.00 |
| State Bank | 829.95 | 13.00 |
| Shriram Finance Ltd. | 2497.95 | 23.15 |
| Sun Pharma | 1506.85 | 34.15 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 1135.65 | -4.25 |
| Tata Motors | 970.50 | 32.25 |
| Tata Steel | 178.90 | 6.85 |
| TCS | 3893.95 | 63.55 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1377.60 | 60.15 |
| Titan | 3444.05 | 122.40 |
| UltraTech Cement | 10463.15 | 408.20 |
| Wipro | 484.55 | 23.55 |

### EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on June 07

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 83.17 | 83.49 |
| Euro | 90.57 | 90.92 |
| British Pound | 106.39 | 106.81 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 53.45 | 53.66 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.48 | 11.53 |
| Swiss Franc | 93.46 | 93.84 |
| Singapore Dollar | 61.82 | 62.06 |
| Canadian Dollar | 60.77 | 61.00 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 17.72 | 17.81 |
| Australian Dollar | 55.37 | 55.59 |

Source:Indian Bank

Vellayan Subbiah

# EY honours TI's Vellayan Subbiah

**The Hindu Bureau**
CHENNAI

Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII) Executive Vice Chairman Vellayan Subbiah has bagged the EY World Entrepreneur of the Year 2024. He is only the fourth Indian to bag this prestigious global honour.

# Digital payments intelligence platform soon to curb fraud

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

With growing instances of digital payment frauds highlighting the need for a system-wide approach to prevent and mitigate them, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed to establish a Digital Payments Intelligence Platform for network level intelligence and real-time data sharing across the digital payments' ecosystem.

To take this initiative forward a committee will be constituted to examine various aspects of setting up the Platform.

With the adoption of e-mandates for recurring payment, transactions have been increasing, and the RBI has proposed to include payments, such as replenishment of balances in Fastag, National Common Mobility Card (NCMC) which are recurring in nature but without any fixed periodicity, in the e-mandate framework.

"This will enable customers to automatically replenish the balances in Fastag, NCMC, etc. if the balance goes below the threshold limit set by them. This will enhance convenience in making travel/mobility related payments," Governor Shaktikanta Das said.

To encourage wider adoption of UPI Lite, enabling quick small-value payments through an on-device wallet, the RBI has proposed to bring it under the e-mandate framework.

# 'Coalition govt., less stability to slow decision making'

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

Moody's Analytics on Friday said reduced political stability and the need for consensus building in a coalition government could slow decision-making and erode investor confidence in the near term.

In a post-election note, Moody's Analytics said the Lok Sabha election results mean dynamics are about to change in Parliament, as coalition partners will gain influence and leverage in policy decisions, allowing for a more inclusive approach to governance.

"The BJP will need to use the tools of negotiation and compromise to maintain a cohesive government. This will likely slow

decision-making and potentially dilute some of the party's key policy initiatives," it said in a note titled 'India Election Review: Voters Force the BJP into Coalition Government'.

The BJP won 303 seats in 2019, but bagged only 240 in the 2024 polls. The BJP-led NDA won 293 seats in the 543-member Lok Sabha, comfortably above the majority mark of 272.

Moody's Analytics said though Prime Minister Narendra Modi secured a third term, the BJP's greatly weakened position marks a significant shift in the political landscape.

Just how well forges new alliances to govern effectively and steer the economy will be closely watched, it added.

It said markets will want to see how the new-look government goes about addressing longstanding challenges such as inflation, high unemployment, and socio-economic disparities.

The effectiveness of policies implemented by the coalition will determine India's growth trajectory for the next five years, it said.

# 'Coalition may hit medium term fiscal consolidation'

**Reuters**
MUMBAI

India's medium-term fiscal consolidation, critical to any ratings upgrade, is likely to get more challenging as a new coalition government comes to power, said an analyst at Fitch Ratings.

PM Narendra Modi's BJP failed to secure a simple majority in the Parliamentary elections, forcing him to depend on support from regional parties.

"Our expectation is the government will look to achieve 4.5% fiscal deficit target by 2025-26," Jeremy Zook, director,Asia-Pacific Sovereigns at Fitch told Reuters. "Beyond FY26, we have little clarity."

# NHAI floats EoI for satellite-based tolling

**Jagriti Chandra**
NEW DELHI

The National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) has invited expressions of interest for the implementation of a satellite-based electronic toll collection system.

Interested parties must have an average annual turnover of ₹1,000 crore over the last three financial years or the equivalent in foreign currency, and an experience of 10 years in electronic toll collection.

The winning entity will have to develop a geo-referenced map and a toll charging software for the Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS).

In its tender document,

the NHAI said that it plans to implement the GNSS-based electronic toll collection system alongside RFID based Fastags currently being used by vehicles.

Each toll plaza will have two or more dedicated lanes for GNSS-ready vehicles, where barriers will remain open to ensure free flow of vehicles. The lanes will have advanced readers to identify GNSS vehicles.

# Textile sector hails QCO relaxation

**The Hindu Bureau**
COIMBATORE

The textile industry has welcomed the relaxation of the mandatory Quality Control Order (QCO) for polyester fibre, filament yarn and spun yarn imported under advance authorisation scheme by EoUs and SEZ industries.

In a press release, Southern India Mills' Association (SIMA) Chairman S.K. Sundararaman said the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers (Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals) issued QCO for polyester staple fibres, various filament yarns and spun yarn in a notification dated April 15, 2021 mandating every user to purchase the products only from BIS licence holders in local and export markets.

Applications submitted by foreign firms for licences were pending before the BIS authorities impacting exporters Mr. Sundararaman welcomed the relaxation of QCO norms for import of viscose fibre and extending the relaxation for polyester staple fibre, filament and spun yarn.

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Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3), GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121692_1 for Break-down/ Preventive maintenance & Overhauling of Bowl Mills (i.e. XRP-803 and HP-803), Raw Coal Feeders, mill reject system & its auxiliaries, preventive/ breakdown maintenance of coal pipes, removal/ clearing of mills reject, raw coal/coal dust from mills & R.C. Feeders areas, transportation of mill reject, coal dust etc from mill area to CHP yard for four units i.e. 4x210MW (Unit no. 3 to 6) of BHEL make at GGSSTP, Rupnagar.
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to *https://eproc.punjab.gov.in* from dated. 06.06.24/11:00AM onwards.
**Note:** Corrigendum & addendum, if any, will be published online at *https://eproc.punjab.gov.in*
**RTP-35/24** **76155/12/2879/2023/34274**

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD.**
Regd. Office: PSEB Head Office, The Mall Patiala
Corporate Identification No: U40109PB2010SGC033813 | Website: www.pspcl.in
(Contact 9646118773)
**Short Term Tender Enquiry No.: Q-4024/24-25/PO-T/CE-MM**
Chief Purchase Officer/MM, Central Purchase Organization, PSPCL, 2nd Floor, Multi Storey Building, The Mall, PSPCL invites Short Term E-tender of 50 Nos., Three Phase, 500 kVA, ISI Marked, EEL-2/Star-2, oil immersed, CRGO/ Amorphous core, Copper wound, distribution transformers complete with fittings as per PSPCL specifications & conforming to IS 1180 Part-1 (2014) & IS 2026 (with latest amendments). For detailed NIT & tender specification please refer to **https://eproc.punjab.gov.in from 08.06.2024 onwards.**
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**C 269/24** **76155/12/2890/2023/34305**

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File No. CMRL/SYS/RS/DM300/2024 Dated 08.06.2024
**GeM Tender**
**GeM Bid Number: GEM/2024/B/5010509**
**e-Tender No. C4-DM300/2024**
CMRL invites open e-tender through Government e Marketplace (GeM) from reputed, experience, financially sound, eligible applicants, who fulfill the qualification criteria as mentioned in the tender through National Open Competitive Tender (NOCT) under Single Stage Two Envelope (Technical and Financial) items wise evaluation for the Design, Manufacturing, Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning for below mentioned Depot Machinery / Equipment works & associated Infrastructure works in Poonamallee Depot.
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Please visit website: **https://gem.gov.in** for further information
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DUBAI

## Yemen's Shia Houthi rebels detain 11 UN employees, officials say

REUTERS

Eleven Yemeni employees of United Nations agencies have been detained by Yemen's Houthi rebels under unclear circumstances, authorities said on Friday, as the rebels face increasing financial pressure and air strikes from a U.S.-led coalition. Others working for aid groups also likely have been taken.

KUALA LUMPUR

## Malaysia destroys nearly 140 houses of of sea nomads

GETTY IMAGES

Malaysian security forces have destroyed nearly 140 houses belonging to an indigenous sea-dwelling community off Borneo island, a local government ministry said on Friday. Activists have condemned the action against the Bajau Laut. A rights NGO, Pusat KOMAS said that the Bajau Laut "face systemic discrimination". AFP

TOKYO

## Japan lodges protest over China vessels near disputed islands

AP

Tokyo lodged a protest with Beijing on Friday after four Chinese vessels that were believed to be armed approached Japan-controlled disputed islands in the East China Sea. The incident was "the first time four (Chinese) ships entered Japanese waters" around the Senkaku islands, Yoshimasa Hayashi said. AP

PORT SUDAN

## Sudan activists say about '40 dead' in shelling near Khartoum

AFP

Pro-democracy activists in Sudan reported on Friday that about 40 people were killed in "violent artillery fire" carried out the previous day by paramilitary forces on Omdurman, Khartoum's twin city. Sudan has been ravaged by war since 2023, when fighting broke out between the Army and the paramilitary Rapid Support Forces. AFP

# There is no such thing as 'president' of the Taiwan region: China Embassy

Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory; the government in Beijing is the sole legal government representing the whole of China, says the Embassy in Delhi, days after the self-ruled island's leader congratulated Prime Minister Modi

**Suhasini Haidar**
**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

A day after the Chinese Foreign Ministry objected to an exchange of congratulatory messages between Taiwanese President William Lai Ching-te and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Chinese Embassy here reiterated Beijing's objection and declared Taiwan is an "inalienable part" of China. The protest by the Chinese mission came two days after Taiwan's President congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"There is no such thing as 'president' of the Taiwan region. Taiwan is an inalienable part of China's territory. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government representing the whole of China. This is an undeniable fact, a universal consensus of the international community and a basic norm in international relations," said the Spokesperson of the Chinese Embassy in India in a social media post on X.

William Lai Ching-te celebrating his election victory in Taipei, Taiwan in January. AP

Several global leaders congratulated Mr. Modi after the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) won a majority in the recent Lok Sabha election. On June 5, President Lai congratulated Mr. Modi on X, expressing Taiwan's resolve to expand partnership with India "on trade, technology and other sectors. Responding to the message, Mr. Modi thanked the Taiwanese leader and expressed hope for "closer ties" that would enhance "mutually beneficial economic and technological partnership." The Prime Minister did not address Mr. Lai as 'President'.

In response to a question from the media in Beijing about the exchange between the Taiwanese President and Mr. Modi, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Mao Ning said on Thursday, "First of all, there is no such thing as 'president' of the Taiwan region." She said India has made "serious political commitments" about Beijing's long-held position on Taiwan.

### Taiwan hits back

On Friday, Taiwanese Foreign Ministry hit back at Beijing saying, "China's outrage at a cordial exchange between the leaders of two democracies is utterly unjustified. Threats & intimidation never foster friendships. Taiwan remains dedicated to building partnerships with India underpinned by mutual benefit and shared values."

## As war enters ninth month, Israel pounds Gaza refugee camp

**Saving life:** Palestinians flee Rafah amid an Israeli military operation in the southern Gaza city on Friday. REUTERS

**Agence France-Presse**
PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

Israeli forces bombarded a Gaza refugee camp on Friday after a deadly strike on a UN-run school there, as the war sparked by Hamas's unprecedented attack on Israel entered its ninth month.

The conflict has killed thousands, laid waste to much of the Gaza Strip, uprooted most of its 2.4 million population and put them at risk of starvation.

Efforts to mediate the first ceasefire since a week-long pause in November appear to have stalled, only a week after U.S. President Joe Biden offered a new roadmap. Hamas has yet to respond to Mr. Biden's proposal, while Israel has expressed openness to discussions but remains committed to destroy the Palestinian Islamist group.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken will visit Israel and key regional partners Egypt, Jordan and Qatar from Monday on his eighth Middle East trip since the war began, the State Department said.

Al-Aqsa Martyrs hospital in Deir al-Balah, central Gaza, said at least 37 people were killed in Thursday's Israeli strike on the UN-run school in Nuseirat camp.

The UN agency for Palestinian refugees, UNRWA, said hundreds of displaced Gazans were sheltering at the school, which was "hit without prior warning". UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres described the strike as "horrific".

A day after the school was struck, eyewitnesses said the Nuseirat camp came under attack again as Gaza faced Israeli attacks from land, sea, and air.

Israel's Army said on Friday it had killed 17 militants in Thursday's air strike on a UN school in central Gaza, raising its previous toll from nine.

## Trump wants appeals court to reverse his conviction

**Associated Press**
PHOENIX

Donald Trump returned to the campaign trail on Thursday with a trip to Arizona, his first appearance in a battleground state since he was convicted in a hush money scandal, repeating his critiques of the case against him as politically motivated and calling for his conviction to be overturned on appeal.

"Those appellate courts have to step up and straighten things out or we're not going to have a country anymore," Mr. Trump said at a Phoenix town hall organised by Turning Point, a conservative youth organisation.

Mr. Trump is expected to appeal last month's conviction on all 34 charges in his New York hush money trial, in which he became the first former American President to be convicted of felony crimes.

Mr. Trump's conviction infuriated his supporters, who pumped tens of millions of dollars into his campaign. He blames his conviction on President Joe Biden, and his allies are calling for revenge.

"What are they going to campaign on?" Juan Arredondo of Peoria, Arizona said of the Democrats as he waited to get inside Mr. Trump's rally. "They can't campaign on the border. They can't campaign on the economy."

## Russia's economy is growing even after sanctions, says Putin

**Associated Press**
ST. PETERSBURG

Vladimir Putin. AP

President Vladimir Putin said Friday that the Russian economy is growing despite heavy international sanctions and the country has expanded economic ties with countries in Africa, the West Asia and Asia, as he sought to court investors. Addressing the Presidents of Bolivia and Zimbabwe and business leaders at the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum, he said Russia "remains one of the key participants in world trade," despite the fact that the country is under sanctions for sending troops into Ukraine.

The forum has been used by Russia for decades as a showcase for touting the country's development, though Western officials and investors have steered clear of the session since sanctions cut off much of Russia's trade with Western Europe, the U.S. and their allies.

The main driver of Russia's economic growth is the fighting in Ukraine – now as important to the Kremlin economically as it is politically.

## Biden says sorry to Zelenskyy for holding up military aid

**Associated Press**
PARIS

Joe Biden. AP

U.S. President Joe Biden on Friday for the first time publicly apologised to Ukraine for a months-long Congressional holdup in American military assistance that let Russia make gains on the battlefield.

The apology came as Mr. Biden met in Paris with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who appealed for bipartisan U.S. support going forward "like it was during the Second World War".

A day earlier, the two had attended ceremonies marking the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, where Mr. Biden had drawn common cause between the allied forces that helped free Europe from Nazi Germany and today's effort to support Ukraine against Russia's invasion and Mr. Zelenskyy had been greeted with a rapt ovation.

"I apologise for those weeks of not knowing what's going to happen in terms of funding," Mr. Biden said, referring to the six-month holdup by conservative Republicans in Congress to a $61 billion military aid package for Ukraine.

Mr. Zelenskyy pressed for all Americans to support his country's defence against Russia's invasion, and he thanked lawmakers for coming together to approve the weapons package, which has allowed Ukraine to stem Russian advances in recent weeks.

"It's very important that in this unity, United States of America, all American people stay with Ukraine like it was during the Second World War," Mr. Zelenskyy said.

The United States is by far Kyiv's biggest supplier of wartime support, and Ukraine is trying to fend off an intense Russian offensive in eastern areas of the country. The push is focused on the Ukrainian border regions of Kharkiv and Donetsk, but Ukrainian officials say it could spread as Russia's bigger army seeks to make its advantage tell.

**PARADIP PORT AUTHORITY**
**e -TENDER NOTICE No. EM/PED-11/2024**
No.EM/PED/TECH-63/2023/128, Dt. 04.06.24

Name of the work : "Supply, Installation, Testing & Commissioning of Smart Energy Meters at Paradip Port Authority". Estimated Cost :Rs.1,10,79,900/-. Last Date & time of submission of bid : Dt.24/06/2024 up to 16:30 Hrs. Refer our website for details: https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app .

Executive Engineer (E), (PED-II)
PPA/PR/09/2024-2025,Dt.06/06/2024

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Corporate Identity Number : U40109PB2010SGC033813) Website: www.pspcl.in
Mobile No. 96461-55525

**E-Tender Enq. No.** 528/P-3/EMPW-12665 dated 06.06.24
Dy. Chief Engineer/Headquarter (Procurement Cell-3), GGSSTP, Roopnagar invites E-Tender ID No. 2024_POWER_121700_1 for Operation, Breakdown/ Preventive Mtc. and Overhauling of Wet Ash Handling Equipments of 4x210 MW units at GGSSTP Rupnagar.
For detailed NIT & Tender Specification please refer to *https://eproc.punjab.gov.in* from dated. 06.06.24/05:00PM onwards.
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**OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER PWD CIRCLE KOTA**
No. 394 Date: 04-06-24

**Notice Inviting Bid (NIT No. 07/2023-24)**

Bid for Construction of Missing Link Roads & Renewal/ Stregthening of Non Patchable Roads (13 Nos.) in Kota District is Invited from interested bidders upto 06.00 PM of 01.07.2024 (Monday). Other Particulars of the bids may be visited on the procurement portal (http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.rj.nic.in) of the Rajasthan State. The approximate value of the procurement is Rs. 2590.11 Lacs.
UBN No. (PWD2425WSOB00165), UBN No. (PWD2425WSOB00166)
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UBN No. (PWD2425WSOB00177)

(R.K.Soni)
Superintending Engineer
DIPR/C/3933/2024 P.W.D. Circle Kota

**THE KALLAKURICHI DISTRICT COOPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS'UNION LTD, CHINNASALEM -606 201.**
Ref.No:0532/ Admin/e-tender/2024 **TENDER NOTICE – TWO PART TENDER SYSTEM** Date: 07.06.2024

E-Tenders are invited from the vehicle owners for the operation of Milk distribution and By product supply Routes, Rural Milk Collection Vehicle, Taxi for Gm, AGm(P&I), LN2 Supply Vehicle and Contract Labour, RMRD Work on Contract basis for the period of Two years in 2024-2026)
The details are as follows.

| Reference No. & Date | Tender Details | E-Tender Value | Tender Document Submission through Portal | Tender Documents Opened | Prebid Meeting |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ref.No.:0560 / Admin/Labour/ e-tender/2024 | Contract Labour for Various Work | Value - 40.00 Lakhs (Approx) | From 08.06.24 FN 11.30 AM to 11.07.24 AN 02.00 PM | 11.07.2024 AN 03.00 PM | 28.06.24 FN 11.00 AM |
| Ref.No:0561 / Admin/RMRD/ e-tender/2024 | RMRD Work on Contract basis | Value - 40.00 Lakhs (Approx) | From 08.06.24 FN 11.30 AM to 11.07.24 AN 02.00 PM | 11.07.2024 AN 03.00 PM | 28.06.24 FN 11.00 AM |
| Ref.No:0563/ Mkt Vehicles/ e-tender/2024 | Milk distribution and By product supply Routes (Fully Closed) | Value - 197.00 Lakhs (Approx) | From 14.06.24 FN 11.30 AM to 19.07.24 AN 02.00 PM | 19.07.2024 AN 03.00 PM | 03.07.24 FN 11.00 AM |
| Ref.No:0559 / P&I- RMC/ e-tender/2024 | Rural Milk Collection Vechicle, Taxi for Gm, AGm(P&I), LN2 Supply Vehicle | Value - 561.00 Lakhs (Approx) | From 14.06.24 FN 11.30 AM to 19.07.24 AN 02.00 PM | 19.07.2024 AN 03.00 PM | 03.07.24 FN 11.00 AM |

DIPR/1787/TENDER/2024 GENERAL MANAGER

**TAMILNADU MINERALS LIMITED**
(An Undertaking of Government of Tamil Nadu)
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
Phone No.044-29862018, 28511972
**NOTICE INVITING E-TENDER WITH FORWARD BIDDING**

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Description | Sale of dimensional black and colour granite blocks from certain quarries of TAMIN, Tamil Nadu | Sale of Natural Graphite Flakes and D.E., Fines produced from Graphite Beneficiation Plant at Sivaganga, Tamil Nadu |
| 2 | Tender No. & Date Tender IDs | 400/EX-1/2024, Dated.05.06.2024 1. 2024_TNMIN_452433_1 2. 2024_TNMIN_452437_1 3. 2024_TNMIN_452442_1 4. 2024_TNMIN_452443_1 5. 2024_TNMIN_452445_1 | 446/VAP-2/2024, Dated.05.06.2024 2024_TNMIN_452418_1 |
| 3 | Bid submission end date | 06.07.2024 up to 1600 hrs. | 06.07.2024 up to 1600 hrs. |
| 4 | Technical bid opening date | 08.07.2024 at 1615 hrs. | 08.07.2024 at 1645 hrs. |
| 5 | Tender form fee & EMD | Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) or equivalent USD.25 (Non-refundable) Rs.5,90,000/- (Rupees five lakh ninety thousand only)or equivalent USD.7200 | Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) (Non-refundable) Rs.11,80,000/- (Rupees Eleven lakh eighty thousand only) |

Note; For further details please visit Tamilnadu e-tendering portal: **https://tntenders.gov.in**
DIPR/ 1791/TENDER/2024 GENERAL MANAGER (Finance)

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- Candidate may apply for admissions on **https://hju.ac.in/admissions.html**. The last date for online applications is 30th June 2024.
- Students who have appeared in the eligibility examination but awaiting result can also apply for provisional admission.
- Detailed/Updated Information on admission rules, eligibility, reservation and fee can be accessed on **www.hju.ac.in**
- For queries Contact: Mobile No. 7568285108, 8003603840, 8003300450, 8079051063

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No.9230/OMC/Persnl./2024 **NOTICE** Date: 05/06/2024

Pursuant to the Advertisement No. 82/OMC dated 15.11.2023 and Notice No.4607 dated 14.03.2024 & No.4608 dated 14.03.2024, the **Document Verification** for the post of **Jr. Engineer (Mech.) / Electrician-III** and **Jr. Engineer (Elect.) / Jr. Engineer (Civil) / Jr. Nurse / Jr. Pharmacist,** which was earlier scheduled on 03.04.2024 & 04.04.2024 respectively and was postponed vide Notice No. 5112 dated 18.03.2024 until further orders, is hereby **rescheduled** as per the following programme:

| Sl.No. | Name of Post | Date & Time | Venue |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01 | Jr. Engineer (Mech.) | 21.06.2024 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM | IDCOL Auditorium, IDCOL House, Near IG Park, Unit-II, Ashok Nagar, Bhubaneswar |
| 02 | Electrician-III | | |
| 03 | Jr. Engineer (Elect.) | 22.06.2024 10.00 AM to 01.00 PM | |
| 04 | Jr. Engineer (Civil) | | |
| 05 | Jr. Nurse | | |
| 06 | Jr. Pharmacist | | |

The provisionally shortlisted candidates for Document Verification in respect of the post of **Jr. Engineer (Mech.) / Jr. Engineer (Elect.) / Jr. Engineer (Civil) / Jr. Nurse / Jr. Pharmacist / Electrician-III,** as notified vide Notice No.4608 dated 14.03.2024 {available in OMC website (**https://omcltd.in**)}, are advised to remain present for Document Verification along with the required documents (as notified vide Notice No.4608 dated 14.03.2024) as per the above schedule.

Sd/-
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (P&A)**

**NB :** The provisionally shortlisted candidates are advised to visit the OMCL's website (**https://omcltd.in**) regularly for further updates.

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STAYING GROUNDED

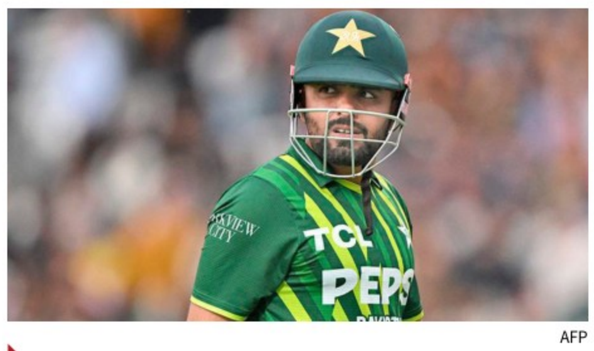
## Our focus would be on playing India now: USA skipper Monank

AP

USA skipper Monank Patel is certain that the epochal T20 World Cup win over Pakistan will open "many doors" for them, but wants to keep emotions in check and focus on the next assignment against India. "I am happy with the win against Pakistan. Our focus would be on playing against India now," Monank said.

TIME TO INTROSPECT

## Babar admits that Pakistan took things 'a little lightly' against USA



AFP

Stunned by USA in the T20 World Cup, an upset Pakistan captain Babar Azam conceded that his side was guilty of taking things "a little lightly" and failed to come good in any department. "When you come to a tournament, you do the best preparation. When you play a team like this, you tend to take things a little lightly," he said.

WELL PREPARED

## Will leave no stone unturned in ensuring safety: Nassau officials

K.R. DEEPAK

All measures — including increased patrol and inter-departmental security detail — are in place to ensure the safe conduct of the high-profile ICC Men's T20 World Cup India-Pakistan clash on Sunday at the Nassau County International Cricket Stadium, Nassau County officials stated.

TOP EFFORT

## Skipper Berrington guides Scotland past Namibia

AFP

Richie Berrington hit an unbeaten 47 to guide Scotland to a five-wicket win over Namibia in its T20 WC game in Barbados. **The scores:** Namibia 155/9 in 20 overs (Erasmus 52, Green 28, Wheal 3/33) lost to Scotland 157/5 in 18.3 overs (Berrington 47 n.o., Leask 35); **Toss:** Namibia; **PoM:** Leask.

# A self-assured Hardik bodes well for India

The all-rounder hit the ground running with a three-wicket haul against Ireland; the Mumbai Indians skipper says he is happy to start the tournament on a good note

T20 WORLD CUP

**Ashwin Achal**
NEW YORK

**Vital cog:** Hardik being in form — after a tough IPL 2024 — is crucial for team balance. K.R. DEEPAK

Hardik Pandya has had it tough in the last few months. Troubles began when his move from Gujarat Titans to Mumbai Indians for IPL 2024 did not go down well with MI fans.

The all-rounder, who was lauded as an astute skipper for taking GT to the IPL title in 2022, had replaced fan favourite Rohit Sharma at the helm. Supporters made their displeasure known, booing Hardik during matches.

The noise is bound to have affected Hardik, who performed poorly with bat and ball in the tournament.

There were fears that Hardik's slump would continue when he wore the national jersey at the T20 World Cup. His spot as the all-rounder was especially crucial to the team balance.

Much to the relief of Indian fans, Hardik delivered with the ball in the opening game against Ireland here. The pitch no doubt aided him, but Hardik did his part by landing it consistently in the right areas.

His first scalp came with a classic inswinger which foxed Lorcan Tucker. A hint of away swing next up proved too good for Curtis Campher.

Mark Adair fell soon after, giving Hardik satisfying returns of three for 27.

The early stage of the comeback was complete. The tough times in IPL 2024 forced Hardik to introspect.

"I'm very happy to start on a good note. Everything falls into place for people who work hard.

"I had to spend time within myself and identify who I was," Hardik told *bcci.tv*. India batting coach Vikram Rathour was pleased to have a fit-and-firing Hardik ready for duty.

"Hardik looked really good. He's been bowling really well. He looks fit enough to go through four overs, and he's been bowling with pace and some accuracy," Rathour said.

# England needs to fire on all cylinders against Australia

**Ayan Acharya**
BRIDGETOWN (BARBADOS)

**Raring to go:** Starc, who had an IPL to remember, will look to deliver big against archrival England. GETTY IMAGES

Every sport thrives on rivalries and such competitions become the lifeblood of the game. Australia versus England is one of them.

A new chapter in this rivalry is set to be written at the Kensington Oval on Saturday when the two clash in a Group-B game.

England bowler Mark Wood has already said that the meeting with Australia is "huge" after his team's washout against Scotland. On the other hand, Australia registered a 39-run win over Oman in its opener.

The key match-up on Saturday will be the one between Travis Head and the pace duo of Wood and Jofra Archer. Head, who had a scintillating IPL campaign with Sunrisers Hyderabad where he even smashed a 39-ball hundred, has shown that he has the ability to treat all deliveries with equal disdain. Since the left-hander tends to stay leg-side of the ball, the English quicks could look to bowl slightly full on a leg-stump line with protection at deep square-leg and long-on during the PowerPlay. This strategy – there could also be a midwicket fielder as a catching option for mistimed shots – could prove effective. Wood and Archer could also vary the pace on full deliveries to disrupt Head's rhythm.

Jos Buttler's side is packed with power-hitters from one to eight. The make-up of the top three – Phil Salt will open and Will Jacks will walk in at No. 3 – will allow the England skipper to be watchful at the start before teeing off. Given the bevy of right-handers in the English ranks, Australia might consider playing left-arm spinner Ashton Agar.

The match will be played on a fresh pitch which is expected to favour the batters.

### Today's matches

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| New Zealand vs Afghanistan | Sri Lanka vs Bangladesh | |
| Guyana, 5.00 a.m. | Dallas, 6.00 a.m. | |
| HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is | HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is | |
| Played: 1 | Played: 16 | |
| New Zealand 1 \| Afghanistan 0 | Sri Lanka 11 \| Bangladesh 5 | |
| Netherlands vs South Africa | Australia vs England | |
| New York, 8.00 p.m. | Barbados, 10.30 p.m. | |
| HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is | HEAD-TO-HEAD T20Is | |
| Played: 2 | Played: 23 | |
| Netherlands 1 \| South Africa 1 | Australia 10 \| England 11 \| NR 2 | |

Gordon. AP

## Canada holds its nerve, shocks Ireland

**Agence France-Presse**
NEW YORK

Canada won its first T20 World Cup match when it stunned Ireland by 12 runs in a Group-A game on Friday. Defending a score of 137, the non-Test nation bowled and fielded well to hold Ireland to 125 for seven.

Ireland collapsed spectacularly to 59 for six and needed 64 runs from five overs for a win. George Dockrell and Mark Adair reduced the target to 17 off the last six balls. But Canada's Jeremy Gordon held his nerve, conceding just three runs and dismissing Adair with the second ball of the 20th over.

**The scores:** Canada 137/7 in 20 overs (Kirton 49, Movva 37, Young 2/32, McCarthy 2/24) bt Ireland 125/7 in 20 overs (Dockrell 30 n.o., Adair 34, Gordon 2/16, Heyliger 2/18); **Toss:** Ireland; **PoM:** Kirton.

# Mental scars will remain for Pakistan after USA game: Sidhu

**Cannot wait...** Sidhu, Balaji and Harbhajan share their views ahead of Sunday's India-Pakistan clash. K.R. DEEPAK

**Ashwin Achal**
NEW YORK

Former international cricketer Navjot Singh Sidhu believes that India holds the edge over Pakistan in their ICC Men's T20 World Cup clash which will be held here on Sunday.

"On their day, Pakistan can beat the best in the world. But there are other factors to consider. Pakistan has lost to the USA. The mental scars will remain," former India batter Sidhu said in a 'Press Room' initiative hosted by *Star Sports*.

"Pakistan will also have to adjust to conditions at this venue (Nassau County International Cricket Stadium). The Indian team has already played two matches here (including the warm-up game), but Pakistan is yet to play here. Adjusting to this track will not be easy. There are undulations on this pitch. This will play on the mind of batters," Sidhu said.

The 60-year-old did not agree with the view that the tricky New York pitch is a poor advertisement for cricket in the USA.

"This is the first time that we are seeing the ball dominate, and not the bat. So what are you complaining about? This is the real test. Take it as a challenge," said Sidhu.

# Netravalkar living the dream as the toast of the cricket world

**Amol Karhadkar**

**Serious business:** Netravalkar has been combining two dreams — even after relocating to USA to study at Cornell University. GETTY IMAGES

He has worn India's blues, albeit in an Under-19 World Cup, with K.L. Rahul, Mayank Agarwal, Harshal Patel and Jaydev Unadkat as his teammates. He has proudly adorned the Lion's Crest – the famed Mumbai cricket logo – in all three formats. He has played with Yuvraj Singh, against Virat Kohli and Rahul Dravid and has the likes of Rahul and Joe Root in his illustrious list of dismissals.

He is also a software developer for an IT giant, based in California.

Saurabh Netravalkar has been combining two dreams, even after relocating to USA to pursue academics at the prestigious Cornell University in 2015.

On Thursday night, Netravalkar emerged the toast of the cricket world, starring in the co-host's stunning victory against former champion Pakistan to set the T20 World Cup alight.

If his figures of 4-0-18-2 had been instrumental in restricting Pakistan to 159 for seven up front, Netravalkar – the left-arm pacer – came back to defend 18 runs in the Super Over, conceding 13 to complete a dream that he had cherished for a long time.

Netravalkar and his colleagues had been eyeing such performance for the last couple of years. "Do not consider us as also-rans. We are seriously targetting making the Super Eights first up and then we'll take it from there," Netravalkar had told *The Hindu* last month.

While a majority of Indian representation in USA's team is dominated by a group of professional cricketers who have relocated to further their cricket career, Netravalkar – being from the slightly older generation – is an exception.

In fact, when he boarded a flight from Mumbai for his master's nine years ago, he had not even packed his cricketing kit.

With playing international cricket for India continually becoming a distant dream, Netravalkar - an IT engineer - chose to keep cricket behind and prioritise academics.

"I never thought I would be able to play competitive cricket again when I came here for masters but I started working and came to California, I was introduced to the weekend league culture and the cricket bug bit me harder. All those six- or eight-hour car drives at the start of my stint in the USA are worth it now that I am playing the World Cup. I wanted to play for India but nevertheless, I will be playing against India," he says.

# Alcaraz outduels Sinner to reach French Open final

**Associated Press**
PARIS

**Incredible battle:** Alcaraz, trailing at one stage, turned the tables on Sinner in an epic five-setter. GETTY IMAGES

Carlos Alcaraz reached his first French Open final by beating Jannik Sinner 2-6, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 on Friday, making the 21-year-old from Spain the youngest man to reach a Grand Slam title match on three surfaces.

Alcaraz won the U.S. Open in 2022 on hard courts, Wimbledon in 2023 on grass and now will play for the championship on the red clay at Roland Garros.

Sinner entered the semifinals with a 13-0 record in Grand Slam play in 2024 after winning the Australian Open in January. But the 22-year-old Italian also showed up in Paris with a lingering hip injury that forced him to sit out the clay-court tournament in Rome last month.

Against Sinner, Alcaraz kept falling behind and kept turning things around. Before dealing with some physical issues that required multiple visits from a trainer, Sinner led by a break and a set at 2-0 in the second. Alcaraz then took five games in a row and evened things.

Alcaraz also was troubled in the third set, flexing his right hand as it began to cramp, and Sinner went up two sets to one. But Alcaraz never wavered.

In the fifth set, Alcaraz moved out front by sliding until he could reach across his body to snap a backhand passing winner for a break point. A forehand winner – one of his 30 in the match – made it 2-0 at the three-and-a-half-hour mark, earning a yell of "Vamos!" from his coach, Juan Carlos Ferrero.

Soon, it was 3-0, and Alcaraz was on his way.

Both he and Sinner are seen as the future of men's tennis. The present isn't too shabby, either. Even though this was not necessarily the most aesthetically pleasing of their nine head-to-head meetings – Sinner now leads 5-4 – and they combined for 102 unforced errors, there were moments of brilliance that generated duelling clap-accompanied chants of each man's first name from the Court Philippe Chatrier crowd.

## INBRIEF

### Celtics overpower Mavericks in game one of NBA Finals

Kristaps Porzingis returned from a 10-game absence to record 20 points off the bench as the Boston Celtics snuffed a second-half rally to beat the Dallas Mavericks 107-89 on Thursday night in Game 1 of the NBA Finals. Jaylen Brown led the Celtics with 22 points while Jayson Tatum chipped in with 16 points and Derrick White netted 15 points.

### Lakshya bows out in the last eight in Indonesia Open

India's challenge ended at the Indonesia Open Super 1000 badminton tournament with Lakshya Sen bowing out in the quarterfinals in Jakarta on Friday. Lakshya, ranked 14th in the world, fought hard before going down 22-24, 18-21 against World No. 5 Anders Antonsen of Denmark in 61 minutes. Antonsen now enjoys a 3-2 head-to-head record against the Indian.

### Olympic rings on display at Eiffel Tower before the Games

The Paris Olympics organisers on Friday unveiled a display of the five Olympic rings mounted on the Eiffel Tower as the French capital marked 50 days until the start of the Summer Games. The rings, made of recycled French steel, will be displayed on the south side of the 135-year-old landmark in central Paris, overlooking the Seine River. Each ring is 9 metres (30 feet) in diameter. Two huge cranes were used overnight to lift the 30-ton structure and mount it between the first and second floors of the tower.

### Antim and Anshu in finals of Budapest wrestling

Antim Panghal (53kg) and Anshu Malik (57kg) entered their respective finals, while Vinesh Phogat (50kg) finished outside the medal brackets in the Ranking Series wrestling event in Budapest on Friday. Antim beat Uzbekistan's Sakbjamal Esbosynova 10-0 and Poland's Katarzyna Krawczyk 3-1 to set up a title clash with Sweden's Emma Jonna Malmgren. Anshu defeated Moldova's Anastasia Nichita 6-5 and Qi Zhang of China 2-1 to set a final date with Kexin Hong.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**Badminton:** Indonesia Open, Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 10.30 a.m.

**Hockey:** Pro League, India vs Germany (Women), Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & JioCinema, 2.30 p.m.;India vs Germany, 9.30 p.m.

**Roland Garros:** Sony Sports Ten 2, 5 (SD & HD) & LIV, 2.30 p.m.

**T20 World Cup:** Star Sports 1, SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8 p.m. 10.30 p.m. & 6 a.m. (Sunday)

**Formula One:** Canadian GP (Qualifying), F1 TV, F1 TV Pro App & FanCode, 1.30 a.m. (Sunday)

# Swiatek takes on Paolini in a bid to extend her Paris reign

The Pole has won both the previous meetings with the 12th seed, although the last of those was at the 2022 US Open and the Italian is enjoying by far the best year of her career

**Gunning for glory:** Swiatek has won all four of her previous Grand Slam finals and will bid to extend that run against Paolini. GETTY IMAGES

**FRENCH OPEN**

**Agence France-Presse**
PARIS

Iga Swiatek goes into Saturday's French Open final as the overwhelming favourite in her quest for a third successive Roland Garros title against surprise challenger Jasmine Paolini of Italy.

Swiatek, the World No. 1 from Poland, is attempting to become the fourth woman in the Open era to lift the Coupe Suzanne Lenglen four times – after Justine Henin, Chris Evert and Steffi Graf.

Only two have won the French Open three years in a row – Henin (2005-07) and Monica Seles (1990-92) – but Swiatek's supremacy on the clay in Paris has attracted comparisons with Rafael Nadal, winner of 14 men's titles and who holds a 112-4 record at Roland Garros.

"We'll see in 14 years if the journey is similar. That's obviously really nice for me," said Swiatek.

"I would never expect anybody to compare me to Rafa because for me he's above everybody, and he's a total legend.

"We'll see in couple of years, but I'm proud of myself that I'm playing consistently here and that I'm mentioned in the same sentence as Rafa. That's cool."

The 23-year-old Swiatek has won all four of her previous Grand Slam finals and will bid to extend that run against Paolini.

Swiatek has won both her previous meetings with 12th seed Paolini, although the last of those was at the 2022 US Open and the Italian is enjoying by far the best year of her career.

Paolini, 28, will be appearing in her first Grand Slam final after defeating Russian 17-year-old sensation Mirra Andreeva in the last four. That came after she knocked out former Wimbledon champion Elena Rybakina, the only player to beat Swiatek on clay this season.

It is an astonishing transformation for a player who had never gone beyond the second round of a major before the start of this year.

The World No. 15 had won a total of four matches in 16 Grand Slam appearances before advancing to the fourth round of the Australian Open in January.

Now she is one win away from an improbable title as she tries to emulate compatriot Francesca Schiavone, who won the 2010 French Open. Paolini's doubles partner Sara Errani lost the 2012 final to Maria Sharapova.

Paolini is the first Italian woman through to a Grand Slam final since Flavia Pennetta beat Roberta Vinci to win the 2015 US Open.

"I was watching the other Italians make it in the finals, and also won Grand Slams, but (to) imagine that can be myself was tough," said Paolini.

"Of course, I wished, but now it's something crazy for me. I'm really happy. Also surprised."

# Kush buoyant after maiden Formula One test

**S. Dipak Ragav**
CHENNAI

It was the day Kush Maini had been waiting for since he started racing, and it came true on Wednesday when he tested a 2022 Alpine F1 car at the Red Bull Ring in Austria.

"It was amazing. An F1 car is a fine piece of engineering, giving the driver confidence to get up to speed easily. In a way, it is easier to drive the F1 car as you can tweak many settings," said Kush, who is part of the Alpine Young Driver Academy.

"In the first session, I was able to hit my targets a lot quicker than I thought and in the second session, I was pushing and almost right on pace," added the 23-year-old currently competing in Formula 2.

The test comes at a time when Alpine F1 has a vacant seat for 2025, with Esteban Ocon set to leave the team at the end of this year.

The driver from Bengaluru said he felt pressure going into the test, trying to find the balance between going quick while not making mistakes. "It was almost like make or break because F1 teams don't have a lot of time, so you can't afford to have a crash. Having a successful test and Alpine being happy with my feedback and professionalism brings me closer. If I am in the fight for the F2 title, I can be a serious contender."

Though Kush started the F2 season strongly with two podiums, he has had a poor run in the last two races but is hopeful of turning it around as it holds the key to his future. "Alpine knows I am capable, but you still have to show the world, and that's where I have a chance in F2," said Kush.

(FIA F2 championship is live on Fancode)

**Revving it up:** Kush testing the 2022 Alpine F1 car at the Red Bull Ring. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

# Carlsen defeats Firouzja, stays in lead; Pragg beats Caruana

**CHESS**

**Sports Bureau**

World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen beat Alireza Firouzja of France in the penultimate round of the Norway Chess tournament at Stavanger on Thursday. After the classical game was drawn, the local superstar won in Armageddon with black pieces in 46 moves to increase his lead at the top of the table.

Carlsen moved to 16 points, 1.5 more than the second placed Hikaru Nakamura of the United States. The American lost in Armageddon to World champion Ding Liren, for whom the win must have been quite a relief.

The day's other game was also decided by Armageddon as R. Praggnanandhaa defeated Fabiano Caruana of the United States. The Chennai teenager was in third position with 13 points, followed by Firouzja (12). Caruana was on 10.5 points, while Ding was in last place on six.

**Welcome win:** World champion Ding, who is at the bottom of the table, got the better of second-placed Nakamura. NORWAY CHESS

World champion Ju Wenjun of China retained her lead in the women's event. She beat Koneru Humpy in Armageddon and was on 16 points.

Ju's compatriot Lei Tingjie, who defeated R. Vaishali in the classical game, and Ukraine's Anna Muzhchuk, who overcame Pia Cramling of Sweden in Armageddon, were in joint second place with 14.5 points each. Vaishali was on 11.5 points, followed by Humpy (9) and Cramling (6.5).

**The results (ninth round):**
**Open:** Alireza Firouzja (Fra) 12 lost to Magnus Carlsen (Nor) 16; Hikaru Nakamura (USA) 14.5 lost to Ding Liren (Chn) 6; Fabiano Caruana (USA) 10.5 lost to R. Praggnanandhaa 13.
**Women:** Lei Tingjie (Chn) 14.5 bt R. Vaishali 11.5; Koneru Humpy 9 lost to Ju Wenjun (Chn) 16; Pia Cramling (Swe) 6.5 lost to Anna Muzychuk (Ukr) 14.5.

# Sift Kaur strikes bronze in Munich

**SHOOTING WORLD CUP**

**Sports Bureau**

Asian Games gold medallist Sift Kaur Samra shot the bronze in women's rifle 3-position event in the World Cup which concluded in Munich, Germany, on Friday.

Sift missed the chance to win the silver medal by 0.1 point to Han Jiayu of China who had shot a world record equalling 596 in qualification.

The eventual gold medallist Seonaid Mcintosh of Britain was far too ahead to catch as she won with a 5.1 point margin.

In mixed air pistol, Rhythm Sangwan and Sarabjot Singh (573) and the other pair of Surbhi Rao and Arjun Singh Cheema (572) placed 14th and 18th respectively.

India was joint third with France with one gold and one bronze. China topped with four gold, four silver and three bronze medals. Norway won a gold, silver and bronze for the second place.

Britain, Serbia and Turkey were the other teams to win a gold each.

Sift.

**The results: 50m rifle 3-position: Men:** 1. Ole Halvorsan (Nor) 464.3 (594); 2. Istvan Peni (Hun) 464.1 (593); 3. Jon-Hermann Hegg (Nor) 449.9 (595); 8. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar 408.9 (592); 40. Swapnil Kusale 586. RPO: Akhil Sheoran 590; Niraj Kumar 590.
**Women:** 1. Seonaid Mcintosh (GBR) 466.7 (593); 2. Han Jiayu (Chn) 462.6 (596 EWR); 3. Sift Kaur Samra 452.9 (593); 19. Ashi Chouksey 590; 26. Anjum Moudgil 589. RPO: Nischal 588.

# Nagal enters semifinals in Germany

**TENNIS**

**Sports Bureau**

Sumit Nagal beat Ivan Gaikhov 6-1, 7-6(4) in the quarterfinals of the €120,950 Challenger tennis tournament in Heilbronn, Germany, on Friday.

**Other results: €120,950 Challenger, Heilbronn, Germany: Pre-quarterfinals:** Nagal bt Javier Cosano (Esp) 6-4, 6-1.
**$25,000 ITF men, Cordoba, Spain: Doubles: Semifinals:** Siddhant Banthia & Tennyson Whiting (USA) bt Pedro Marcos & Benjamin Lopez (Esp) 6-3, 4-6, [10-6].
**$15,000 ITF, Monastir: Men: Quarterfinals:** Manish Sureshkumar bt Nicolas Ifi (Bel) 6-2, 7-5.
**Women: Quarterfinals:** Zeel Desai bt Salakthip Ounmuang (Tha) 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.
**$60,000 ITF women, Sumter, USA: Pre-quarterfinals:** Sahaja Yamalapalli bt Katrina Scott (USA) 6-4, 2-6, 6-1.
**$40,000 ITF women, Montemor-o-Novo, Portugal: Quarterfinals:** Eudice Chong (Hkg) bt Ankita Rain 6-3, 6-3.

# Hero riders dish out strong show in Ruta 40

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

The Hero MotoSports Team Rally riders Ross Branch, Sebastian Buhler and Nacho Cornejo gave good account of themselves in the fourth and penultimate stage of the 2024 edition of Desafio Ruta 40.

Branch, Buhler and Cornejo, who were competing in the premier Rally GP class, finished in the 4th, 7th and 9th positions respectively. Branch clocked 3 hours 3m and 05 seconds while Buhler finished at 3 hours 9m and 51 seconds and Cornejo timed 3 hours 23m and 08 seconds.

# Divya goes into the sole lead

**Sports Bureau**

Top seed Divya Deshmukh defeated Ayan Allahverdiyeva to move into the sole lead at the end of the sixth round of the World junior girls' chess championship at Gandhinagar on Friday. She has 5.5 points.

**Important results (sixth round): Open:** Jose Gabriel Cardoso (Col) 5 drew with Kazybek Nogerbek (Kaz) 5; Aleksey Grebnev (FIDE) 4.5 drew with Daniel Quizon (Phi) 4.5; Vuppala Praneeth 4.5 drew with Pranav Anand 4.5; Mayank Chakraborty 4 lost to Rudik Makarian (FIDE) 5; Marius Fromm (Ger) 4.5 drew with Rudik Makarian (FIDE) 4.5; L.M.S.T. De Silva (SL) 5 bt Jan Sbuelj (Slo) 3.5; Gleb Dudin (Hun) 4.5 bt Simon Rybka (Slo) 3.5; Emin Ohanyan (Arm) 4.5 bt Aleksandr Domalchuk-Jonasson (Isl) 3.5; Artiom Stribuk (FIDE) 4.5 bt L.R. Srihari 3.5; Mamikon Gharibyan (Arm) 4.5 bt Tarun Kanyamarala (Irl) 3.5.

**Girls:** Ayan Allahverdiyeva (Aze) 4.5 lost to Divya Deshmukh 5.5; Mrittika Mallick 4 lost to Mariam Mkrtchyan (Arm) 5; Beloslava Krasteva (Bul) 4 lost to Ksenia Norman (FIDE) 5; Martyna Wikar (Pol) 4.5 drew with Sachi Jain 4.5; Narmin Abdinova (Aze) 5 bt bt V. Rindhiya 4; Lucia Striskova (Svk) 4 lost to Rakshitta Ravi 4.5; Mrudul Dehankar 3.5 lost to Sofia Hryzlova (Sui) 4.5; Anna Zhurova (FIDE) 4.5 bt Oshini Gunawardhana 3.5; Lala Shohradova (Tkm) 4 drew with Anastasia Grozdanovic (Srb) 4.

# Panghal to stick to home conditions to train for Paris

**Y.B. Sarangi**
KOLKATA

Unlike most of the Olympic-bound athletes, who opt to train abroad before the big event, boxer Amit Panghal prefers training in home conditions prior to Paris 2024.

A former World championships silver medallist and a World No. 1, Panghal won the 51kg quota place in the only chance he got. He wants to follow his own plans to script success in Paris.

"I will not go abroad. I find it difficult as far as food is concerned. I will train here with boxers from heavier weights because they have better endurance, speed, and power than me. If I can handle them here, I can handle my opponents in the Olympics," Panghal, the Commonwealth Games champion, told *The Hindu*.

**Game plan:** Panghal feels that training with boxers from heavier weights will help him better handle his opponents in the Olympics.

"I would like to do high altitude training, maybe at Shilaru for two-three weeks, to improve my fitness."

Instead of accompanying the rest of the Indian squad to Bangkok for a camp ahead of the second World Olympic qualifier, Panghal – who had unpleasant experience during a pre-Olympics camp in Italy and performed below par in the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 – trained with his basics coach Anil Dhankhar and Cuban B.I. Fernandes.

"I had problems with food and training, especially with boxers with whom I was going to fight, in the past. There is no issue, specifically with diet, when I train in India.

"I have been training with Fernandes. I had requested the Boxing Federation of India (BFI) to let me train in India and they agreed. I was provided with sparring partners."

His customised training has helped Panghal analyse his game well and find ways to improve it. One such example is his success in cutting down the rest period between two rounds of a bout. "I have started taking a break of 40 seconds instead of one minute during the training. If you noticed, during the Olympic qualifier, I used to get up before the one-minute break was complete. The idea was that if I recovered in 40 seconds, I could be more relaxed over a minute during tournaments."

For Panghal, getting a better start is an area of improvement. "I take more time in assessing my opponents. I am working on getting a good start. I've to improve it through my training and see that my whole bout goes well," said 28-year-old Panghal.

# Norris gives nod to Ferrari as favourites this weekend

Leclerc says it might not be the true picture once the cars hit the track and the reality is that his team, Red Bull, and McLaren are closely matched

CANADIAN GP

**Associated Press**
MONTREAL

**Red will rule:** Norris thinks Ferrari could taste success again because curb-riding is such a factor at the recently resurfaced Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. GETTY IMAGES

Lando Norris is putting the pressure on Ferrari.

The McLaren Formula 1 driver said the Canadian Grand Prix could be anyone's race on Sunday, but he's giving the edge to the Italian team after Charles Leclerc's victory two weeks ago in Monaco.

"I think they're favourites," Norris said on Thursday. "It's impossible for me to say if it's going to be us, Ferrari or Red Bull on top. That's why it's exciting, because none of us really know."

Led by three-time defending champion Max Verstappen, Red Bull won 21 of 22 races last year. Verstappen had a record 19 victories.

Red Bull tops the constructors' championship this season, but Leclerc's victory helped Ferrari move within 24 points.

Norris thinks Ferrari could have the upper hand again this weekend, partially because curb-riding is such a factor at the recently resurfaced Circuit Gilles Villeneuve. Leclerc downplayed the favourite talk.

"Everybody doesn't want to be going into a weekend hearing that they are favourites," Leclerc said. "You're never going to hear me (say) we are 100% the favourite this weekend and the same for them, so you've got to throw the ball to your closest opponents.

"It might not be the true picture once we hit the track, the reality is we are so closely matched between those three teams."

Verstappen has a 31-point lead over Leclerc in the drivers' championship. Norris trails Leclerc by 25 points, equal to one race win.

# Sri Lanka complains to ICC over 'different treatment'

T20 WORLD CUP

**Agence France-Presse**
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka said on Friday it has complained to the ICC over its T20 World Cup team's treatment and conditions in the United States.

The sports minister Harin Fernando alleged other teams had it better and said SL had lodged a formal protest after the squad was held up by a seven-hour flight delay at a Florida airport.

He said SL had also been given accommodation more than 90 minutes' drive away from the practice stadium when it reached New York. He said the Indian team had been put up much closer. "Sri Lanka Cricket has complained to the ICC," Fernando told parliament. "Different countries are being treated differently. We have called for an explanation from the organisers."

Sri Lanka's sports ministry has dispatched an officer to the United States to look into the welfare of the team, Fernando added.

Opposition leader Sajith Premadasa said Sri Lanka's parliament was united in its upset over the supposed conditions. "We stand against this injustice, we should not allow this," he said. Angelo Mathews, a member of SL's T20 squad, told local broadcaster *Ada Derana TV* the past few days had been "most challenging".

# That was an amazing game of cricket, hails NZ's Williamson

**Reuters**

**Spreading its wings:** Williamson said more teams participating in the World Cup is beneficial for the sport. AFP

New Zealand captain Kane Williamson hailed the T20 World Cup's expansion to 20 nations after United States beat Pakistan in one of the biggest upsets in the tournament's history.

The World Cup has an extra four teams, giving fledgling cricket nations more big-tournament experience.

Williamson said the bigger field was a "fantastic thing". "That sort of exposure is only beneficial for all teams," Williamson told reporters on a video call from Guyana.

"When you come to tournament-time anything can happen which is the beauty of the sport. But it's ultimately great for the growth (of cricket)."

"That was an amazing game of cricket. In these tournaments every team has really talented players, whether they've had experience against Test-playing nations or not. In some ways, it's (how you play) on the day."

## BENGALURU ROUND-UP

### Abhinav nets twice in Chitradurga FC's easy win

Two goals by Abhinav helped Chitradurga FC defeat BGF Sporting 3-0 in a KSFA D-division match on Friday.

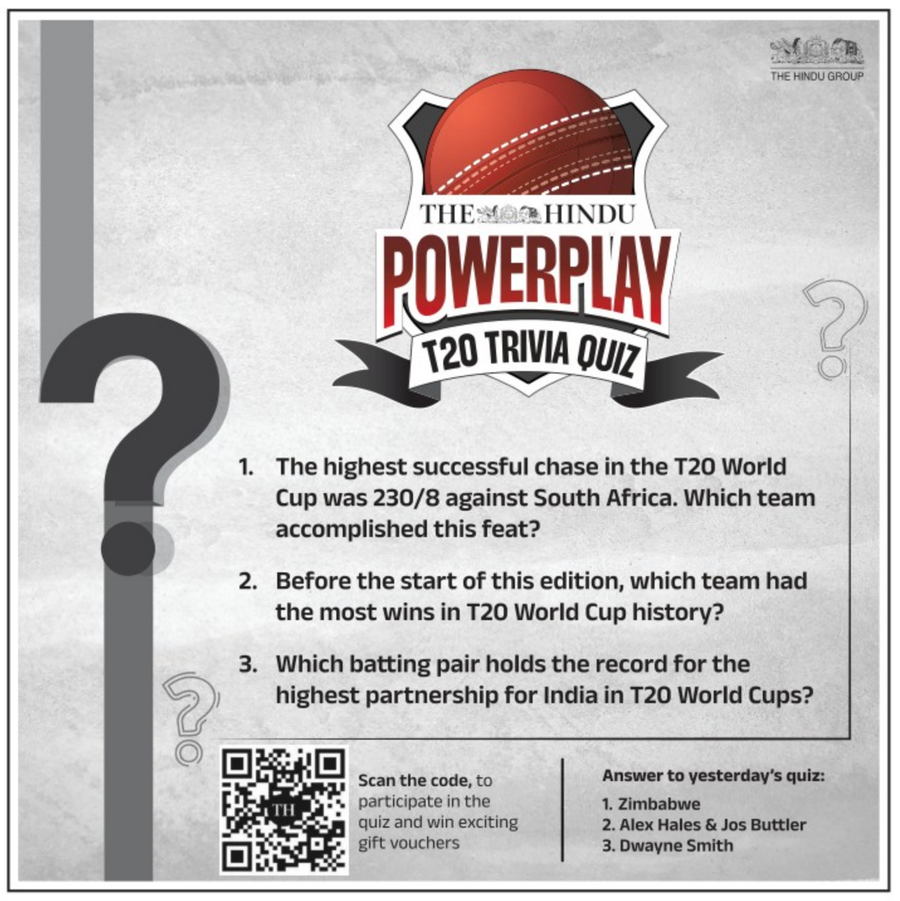
**The results:** Chitradurga FC 3 (Abhinav 16, 31, Sai Srujan 23) bt BGF Sporting 0; Sathya FC 4 (Jeyriddhin Abisbeer 8, K. Nitish 12, B.R. Manoj 32, Dinkar Elassory 59) bt BPSS 0; Technico FCF 2 (Nikunj Sharma 8, 33) bt Bajarang Bali 1 (Jatungam Gangmei 25).

### Kevin to take on Karan for the honours

Karnataka's Kevin Titus Suresh will meet Karan Thapa in the boys' singles final of the AITA National Series U-18 tennis tournament. Kevin will look to make it a grand double, after the victory in the doubles final on Friday with partner Srikar Doni.

**The results: Singles (semifinals): Boys:** Karan Thapa (Ker) bt Srikar Doni (Kar) 7-5, 6-3; Kevin Titus Suresh (Kar) bt David Jason (Kar) 7-6(3),6-4; **Girls:** Amodini Naik (Kar) bt N. Harshini (Kar) 7-5,6-4; Snigdha Kanta (Kar) bt Kashvi Sunil (Kar) 7-6(8), 6-0.

**Doubles (finals): Boys:** Srikar & Kevin bt Parth Deorukhakar (Mah) & Ashwin Narsinghani (Mah) 7-5, 2-6, [11-9]; Girls: Nainika Bendram (Mah) & H. Harshini (Ker) bt Shreya Pathare (Mah) & Disha Kumar (Kar) 6-7(6), 6-3, 5-3.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### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, No.10490300L** Rank HAV S Suresh, r/at Vill - T V Nagar, Post - Alambakkam, Tehsil - Lalgudi, District - Trichy, State - Tamilnadu, PIN - 621711 have changed my name as Suresh S vide affidavit dtd 06.06.2024 sworn before Notary Sivakumara M N, Blore

**I, DISHA** Sharma, D/o Deepak Sharma, R/at Flat No.C104, Ranka D Paradise, No.153, Wheeler Road, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560005, have changed my name from Disha Sharma to Disha Deepak Sharma vide affidavit dated 05/06/2024 before Notary Y.R.Chandrasekar, Bangalore.

## PERSONAL

### CHANGE OF NAME

**I, SHRUTI** Navale, W/o Santosh Zingade, R/at Near KEB Hunasabhavi, Haveri-581109 have changed my name from Shruti Navale to Tejashwini Santosh Zingade vide affidavit dated 07/06/2024 before Notary K.V.Mani, Bengaluru.

**I, SASIKALA,** W/O Krishnamurthy Natarajan, R/O – No 375 B–Blk 4th Mn Aecs Lyt, Kundalahalli, Blr–560037, have changed My name as Sasikala Dhandapani Vide Afdvt Dtd–04/06/24

**I, JC-413885M** Subedar Clerk Sumer Singh r/at Village: Pichanwa, Post: Pichanwa, Tehsil: Chirawa, District: Jhunjhunu, State: Rajasthan, PIN: 333026 have changed my name as Sumer Singh Chahar vide affidavit dtd 04.06.2024 sworn before Notary Jalandhara, Bluru

## LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF THE LVIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL &SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-59)
O.S No. 5283/2023
Hg 04/07/2024

Between
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited, having its registered office at, Landmark, Race- Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, having its head office at and Zonal office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru- 560068 and also having branch at M.G. Road, Bengaluru, through its Authorised representative
Mr. Harish E. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. M. Shoban Babu
..Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mr. M. Shoban Babu,
S/o Malledi Markonda Naidu,
Aged about 36 years, R/at No. 4, Ground Floor, 5th Main, Hongasandra Main Road, Garvebavi Palya, Near Harini Fashion Design, Bangalore -560068.
Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 8,35,181.52/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the LVIII Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge, at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-59), in person or by a pleader, on the 04th day of July, 2024 at 11:00 A.M to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 04th day of June 2024 at Bangalore..
By order of the Assistant Registrar, Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaheru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners,
Advocates,
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| 1 | Description | Sale of "Granite waste" (As is where is condition) from certain quarries of TAMIN. | Sale of Fireclay (as mined) and Laterite (as mined) from Thalampattu Mine,Cuddalore District, Tamil Nadu |
| 2 | Tender No. & Date<br>Tender ID. | 508/EX-2/2024, Dated.05.06.2024<br>2024_TNMIN_452456_1 | TAMIN/510/VAP-2/2024, Dated.05.06.2024<br>2024_TNMIN_452448_1 |
| 3 | Bid submission end date | 06.07.2024 up to 1600 hrs. | 06.07.2024 up to 1600 hrs. |
| 4 | Technical bid opening date | 08.07.2024 at 1600 hrs. | 08.07.2024 at 1630 hrs. |
| 5 | Tender form fee &<br>EMD | Rs.1000/- (Rupees one thousand only) (Non-refundable)<br>As per Annexure-1 of tender document | Rs.2000/- (Rupees two thousand only) (Non-refundable)<br>Rs.1,18,000/- (Rupees One lakh eighteen thousand only) |

Note: For further details please visit Tamilnadu e-tendering portal: https://tntenders.gov.in
DIPR/1792/TENDER/2024 GENERAL MANAGER (Finance)

Government of Karnataka - Forest Department
**Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhadravathi Division, Lower Hutha**
**Bhadravathi – 577301**
e-mail:dcfbdvt@yahoo.in Ph:08282-266355 Fax:08282-266647
No.: A2:BUD:Tender.C.R-25/2024-25-1 Date: 05.06.2024
(Through e-Procurement Portal)
Tender is invited through https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal for below mentioned works in the limits of various zones of Bhadravathi Forest Division for the year 2024-25 fixing time up to 4.00 PM on 19.06.2024. For Tender conditions and further information this office can be contacted during office hours and details regarding the Tender can be obtained from the official website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Approximate amount of work: Rs.151.82500 lakhs.
**1.** Works of Formation of Monsoon Plantation Last date for Tender Submission: 19.06.2024 **2.** Date of opening Technical Bid: 20.06.2024, 4.30 PM **3.** Date of opening Financial Bid: 20.06.2024, 5.30 PM
**Sd/- (M.V. Ashish Reddy, IFS) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bhadravathi Division, Bhadravathi**
DIPR/smg/No.21/06/ksmca/24-25/60

**KARNATAKA GROUND WATER AUTHORITY**
(Minor Irrigation & Groundwater Development Department)
Office of the Director, Groundwater Directorate & Member Secretary
Karnataka Groundwater authority, 2nd Floor, K.S.F.C Bhavan, #1/1, Thimmiah Road, Bengaluru-52. Phone:080-22268732 E-Mail: gwdkar@gmail.com
PUBLIC NOTICE
Bangalore Date: 01.06.2024
**Attention to all ground water users including Industrial / Commercial / Infrastructure / Mining / Entertainment projects**
In the State of Karnataka, under provisions of the Karnataka Groundwater (Regulation and Control of Development and Management) Act, 2011 The Karnataka Groundwater Authority is formed with the objective to regulate and control the development and management of groundwater and matters concerned therewith.
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For further details contact concerned district offices.
Member Secretary
Karnataka Groundwater Authority, Bengaluru, Karnataka
DIPR/CP/AAA/203/2023-24

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, AT BENGALURU ORIGINAL JURISDICTION PROBATE CIVIL PETITION NO.4/2024**
IN THE MATTER OF THE MOVABLE PROPERTY OF MR. MOHAMMAD IRSHAD GANGJEE also known as MOHAMMED IRSHAD GANGJEE also known as M.I. GANGJEE (INTESTATE AND DECEASED)
BETWEEN:
**1. MRS. NASEEM AHMAD,** Wife of late Ameeruddin Ahmad, Daughter of late Hoosein Faizulla Gangjee Aged about 81 years, Residing at 205, AJC Bose Road Kolkata – 700017.
Represented by her Specific Power of Attorney holder **Mrs. Rehana Chaudhuri**
**2. MR. ZAHID HOOSEIN GANGJEE** S/o late Hoosein Faizulla Gangjee Aged about 76 years, Residing at Flat 2B, Swarna Prakash, 98, Raja Basanta Roy Road, Kolkata – 700029.
Represented by his Specific Power of Attorney holder **Mrs. Rehana Chaudhuri**
**3. MRS. REHANA CHAUDHURI,** W/o Mr. Dhrubadeb Chaudhuri Daughter of late Hoosein Faizulla Gangjee Aged about 75 years, Residing at No.872/G, Michael Palya Road, HAL III Stage, Bengaluru – 560 075.
**4. MRS. NAZIRAH GANGJEE** Wife of late Bashir Hoosein Gangjee, Aged about 77 years, Residing at Flat No.8A, Sonali Apartment, No.8/2A, Alipore Park Road, Kolkata – 700027.
Represented by her Specific Power of Attorney holder
**Mrs. Rehana Chaudhuri**
**5. MS. FARZANAH GANGJEE** D/o late Bashir Hoosein Gangjee, Aged about 48 years, Permanently Residing at Flat No.8A, Sonali Apartment,No.8/2A, Alipore Park Road, Kolkata – 700 027
And presently residing at 3605, Del Monte Dr. Houston, Texas, USA
Represented by her Specific Power of Attorney holder
**Mrs. Rehana Chaudhuri**
**6. MR. RAHIL GANGJEE** S/o late Bashir Hoosein Gangjee, Aged about 45 years, Residing at Flat No.301, Abrar Matrushri Apartments, 25/11, Aga Abbas Ali Road, Ulsoor, Bengaluru – 560 042
Represented by his Specific Power of Attorney holder **Mrs. Rehana Chaudhuri**
.....PETITIONERS
AND
NIL .....RESPONDENT
WHEREAS the Petitioners above named have made a petition dated 04-03-2024 under Part X Section 372 read with Section 47 of the Indian Succession Act of 1925 for grant of Succession Certificate in the matter of movable property of **MR. MOHAMMAD IRSHAD GANGJEE also known as MOHAMMED IRSHAD GANGJEE also known as M.I. GANGJEE** (Intestate and Deceased)
Be it known that no caveat has been entered and that the said petition is posted for hearing on the Fifteenth day of July Two Thousand and Twenty Four **(15-07-2024)** and all persons claiming to have any interest in the estate of the Deceased may come and see the proceedings before the grant of Succession Certificate
Given under my hand and seal of this court this the Twenty Seventh day of May Two Thousand and Twenty Four.
By order of Hon'ble Court
Assistant Registrar
High Court of Karnataka
Bengaluru-560001
Counsel for the Petitioners :
**Vivek Anand Anthony Britto**
**Vir Anthony Britto**
**Advocates**
"Daisville", 633, 5th Main, Indiranagar II Stage, Bengaluru-560038
Place: Bengaluru Date: 08.06.2024

**KARNATAKA HOUSING BOARD**
3rd Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K.G. Road, Bengaluru - 560009.
**Tender Notification**
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal only)
Karnataka Housing Board invite tender from the eligible contractors in KHB through Karnataka public procurement portal for below mentioned work.
**Last date for submission of bid: 13.06.2024 up to 4 PM**

| Sl.No. | Name of the work |
|---|---|
| 1 | Annual layout maintenance of Suryanagara phase-I at Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru for the year 2024-25. Tender Reference Number: KHB/2024-25/OW/work_indent 229 & IFT No.02/2024-25 Date: 29.05.2024 **Amount put to tender:** Rs.1,19,47,866/- |

For further information, contact below mentioned office address: Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Cauvery Bhavan, Bengaluru. Telephone No: 080-22273511/080-22100077, Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**
DIPR/CP/224/AKAR/2024-25 **Sd/- Executive Engineer, Karnataka Housing Board, Bengaluru**

**CAUVERY NEERAVARI NIGAMA LIMITED**
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Phone : 080 - 2727 1259. E-mail : eempdrmgm@gmail.com
Tender Notification No. : 01/2024-25 Date : 06-06-2024
**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)
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**The CNNL** hereby invites Tender for the work under 4701 head through **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** Portal.
**The Last Date for Tender Submission, Opening of Technical Bid, Financial Bid and Pre-Bid Meeting Date, EMD details and more information can be downloaded from the Website : https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in Portal** and for further information please visit Office at working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
C.N.N.L., M.P. Division, Ramanagara.
DIPR/Ramanagar/21/Manipal/2024-25

**ATAL BHUJAL YOJANA**
Minor Irrigation and Groundwater Development Department
Office of the Project Director, State Program Management Unit (SPMU), #1/1, 2nd Floor, K.S.F.C. Bhavan, Thimmaiah Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru-560052.
No.AJ/SPMU/PROC/17/2023-24 Date: 05.06.2024
**Short Term Tender Notification**
(Through Kpp Portal)
SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojana, invites tender from eligible bidders through Kpp Portal for "Hiring of Vehicles along with Drivers on monthly and On-Demand Basis to SPMU, Atal Bhujal Yojane, Bengaluru-Call-2".
The detailed notification regarding eligibility and other details can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be downloaded through "Kpp Portal" from **07.06.2024** onwards and last date for receipt of tender is on or before **17.06.2024, 17:00 hrs.**
Further details can be obtained from the office hours from **10:00 hrs to 17:30 hrs.**
Sd/-
Tender Inviting Authority
SPMU, Atal Jal, Karnataka
DIPR/CP/AAPL/RO220/2024-25

# Don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves, we're still alive: Stimac

The India head coach says he trusts his team to win against Qatar; adds that he was disappointed with the lack of creativeness from his midfielders; the gaffer also thanked the fans for making skipper Chhetri's final game extra special

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**Big ask:** Stimac has the task of taking Indian football forward without Chhetri's services. PTI

A defiant Indian football coach Igor Stimac said his team has no time "to feel sorry" for itself after the disappointing goalless draw against Kuwait in a crucial World Cup qualifying match here as it is "still alive" in the race to enter the third round.

India was thoroughly disappointing in the game that marked the end of talismanic skipper Sunil Chhetri's international career after a glorious run of 19 years in which he scored 94 goals from 151 games.

"We don't have time to feel sorry for ourselves as we are still alive. I need to do everything in the next five days to make the boys believe, make them create the environment of belief, which can take us into a challenge against Qatar which is a very different team," Stimac asserted in the post-match press conference.

"It's a small hope, but it's till there and we need to believe and trust in ourselves and give our best shot to win the game."

India will next face Asian heavyweights Qatar in an away fixture on June 11 and will also keep a close watch on Kuwait's home match against Afghanistan on the same day.

India needs to avoid a defeat to have any chance of progressing to the next round, which would be a historic first for the side.

Stimac was critical of Sahal Abdul Samad and Anirudh Thapa.

"When you don't win the game and aren't happy with the result, how can you say that some players impressed you. You could see that we couldn't start dominating the game in the middle even if we started with Sahal and Thapa. I expected much more from them in the first half.

"Sahal didn't play in the final stages. He was covering lots of ground, his defensive work was fantastic and he looked nice with Sunil. But I needed Sahal to be playmaker to dictate the game, create chances and also put in defensive work." Speaking about Thapa, Stimac said his performance was underwhelming considering that he is an experienced player.

"Thapa has got enough experience to adapt to situations. I expect more from them as they have enough experience to do so," he added.

The coach further gave his thumbs up to the fans for turning up in huge numbers to make Chhetri's last match extra special.

"Huge appreciation for the fans for their support." Chhetri stirred up emotions in his final outing but the Indian football team failed to convert the chances.

"We are obviously disappointed with the result. The game was tough, as we expected. The draw is realistic tonight, they opened the game much better and with more confidence – in terms of passing, speed of passing and moving," Stimac said.

"It took us some time to gear up and start passing the ball into the danger zones.

"The general passing speed was our biggest problem tonight – it wasn't good enough. Even in certain moments, when we put pressure on them, there was no quality in the delivery to help the forwards.

Stimac was, however, happy with goalkeeper Gurpreet Singh Sandhu's performance.

"That's not the reason we didn't win. We weren't clinical in front of the goal and our best player tonight was Gurpreet, which isn't a good sign. It's fantastic to have such a goalkeeper here, who we never doubted."

The draw meant the long-serving Indian skipper had a tearful farewell, failing to add to his record tally of 94 goals.

"I feel really sad for Sunil, really sad that he didn't go with a win. In regards to everything, he was not thinking of his last minutes, not a single player or staff member," he said.

**Move forward**

Gurpreet Sandhu said Chhetri's absence would be felt against Qatar but the side needs to cope and move forward.

"Like any other team we prepare for, obviously this time around we won't have Sunil *bhai* with us, which is sad but as a nation we need to cope up with that and move forward.

"The world doesn't wait for anyone and we need to prepare ourselves in the best manner possible. Any game is not a loss before the 90 minutes and we'll go out there against Qatar to win and give our best shot," he added.

# India looks to improve on a few areas before the Paris Olympics

HOCKEY

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Keeping the Paris Olympics in mind, the Indian men's hockey team will look to iron out the chinks in the armour when it takes on Germany and Great Britain in the final two FIH Hockey Pro League matches this weekend.

India will be up against world champion Germany on Saturday, while it will lock horns with host Great Britain on Sunday.

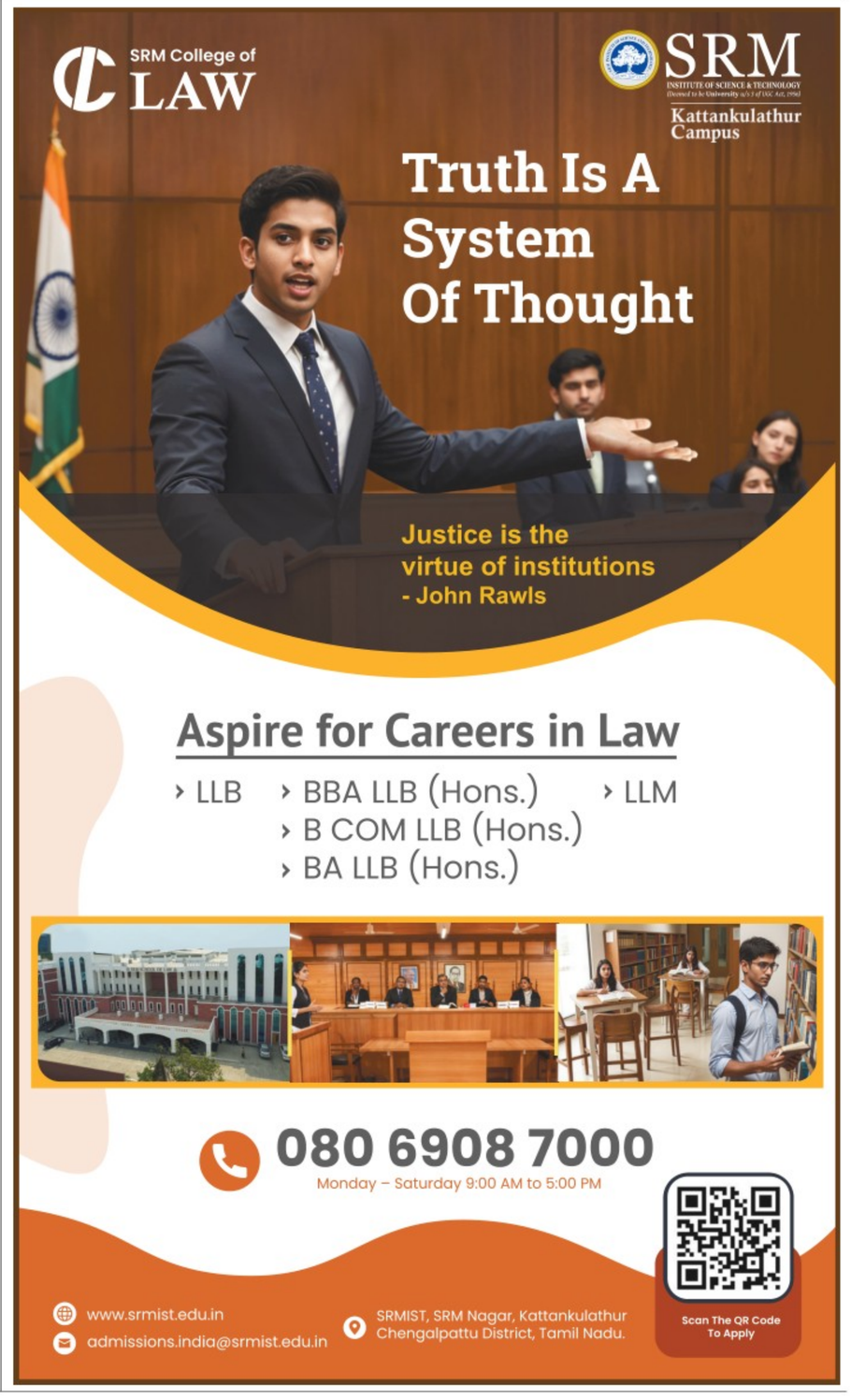
After the Antwerp stage and two matches at London, India is placed fourth in the points table with 24 points from 14 matches.

Meanwhile, Germany and Great Britain sit on the sixth and seventh positions respectively, having played seven matches so far.

"We have played some good hockey, but there are still some areas where we need to improve if we want the result to go in our favour," Hardik Singh said.

**Objective**

"Our objective in these last two matches will be to start aggressively and work on our best combinations. We will go step-by-step, try to play good hockey, and most importantly look to keep the momentum going," he added.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